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1. Far from the world, O Lord, I flee; From strife and tumult far; From scenes where Satan wages still His most suc - cess - ful war.

Counter

2. The calm retreat, the sil - ent shade, With prayer and praise agree; And seem by Thy sweet bounty made For those who follow Thee.

Tenor

3. There if the Spir - it touch the soul, And grace her mean abode; Oh with what peace and joy and love She com - munes with her God!

Bass

4. Author and Guardian of my life, Sweet source of light divine; And (all harmonious names in one) My Sav - ior Thou art mine!
5. What thanks I owe Thee, and what love, A boundless, endless store; Shall echo through the realms above When time shall be no more.