

John Newton, 1779
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Sincerity

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A minor
Oliver Holden, 1793

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Sincerity'. It consists of four staves: Treble, Counter, Tenor, and Bass. The music is in G minor (one flat) and common time (C). The score includes a key signature change to A minor (no flats) for the final two lines of lyrics. The lyrics are numbered 1 through 9, with the first line of lyrics corresponding to the first staff (Treble). The second line of lyrics (Counter) starts with '2. If I love, why am I thus?'. The third line (Tenor) starts with '3. Could my heart so hard remain,'. The fourth line (Bass) starts with '4. When I turn my eyes within,'. The score includes repeat signs and first/second endings. The first ending is marked '1.' and the second ending is marked '2.'.

1. 'Tis a point I long to know, Oft it causes anxious thought, Do I love the Lord or no? Am I His or am I not? Do I not?
2. If I love, why am I thus? Why this dull and lifeless frame? Hardly sure can they be worse Who have never heard His name! Hardly name.
3. Could my heart so hard remain, Prayer a task and burden prove, Every trifle give me pain, If I knew a Savior's love? Every love?
4. When I turn my eyes within, All is dark and vain and wild, Filled with unbelief and sin, Can I deem myself a child? Filled with child?
5. If I pray, or hear, or read, Sin is mixed with all I do; You who love the Lord indeed, Tell me, is it thus with you? You who you?
6. Yet I mourn my stubborn will, Find my sin a grief and thrall; Should I grieve at what I feel, If I did not love at all? Should I all?
7. Could I joy His saints to meet, Choose the ways I once abhorred, Find at times the promise sweet, If I did not love the Lord? Find at Lord?
8. Lord, decide this doubtful case! Thou who art the people's sun, Since upon Thy work of grace, If indeed it be begun. Since up - - gun.
9. Help me love Thee more and more, If I love at all, I'll pray, If I have not loved before, Help me to begin to - day. If I - day.