

Pilgrim

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1. { How happy every child of grace Who knows his sins forgiven! } A country far from mortal sight; Yet, O! by faith I see The
{ This earth, he cries, is not my place, I seek my place in heaven: }

2. { A stranger in the world be - low, I calmly sojourn here, } Its evils in a moment end, Its joys as soon are past; But,
{ Nor can its hap - pi - ness or woe Provoke my hope or fear: }

3. { To that Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove With singing I re - pair, } There my exalted Savior stands, My merciful high priest, And
{ While in the flesh, my hope and love, My heart and soul are there: }

land of rest, the saints' de - light, The heaven prepar'd for me.
O! The bliss to which I tend E - ter - nal - ly shall last.
still extends his wounded hands To take me to his breast.

4. What is there here to court my stay,
To hold me back from home,
While angels beckon me away,
And Jesus bids me come?
Shall I regret my parted friends
Still in the vale confin'd?
Nay, but whene'er my soul ascends,
They will not stay behind.

6. Then let me suddenly remove,
That hidden life to share;
I shall not lose my friends above,
But more enjoy them there.
There we in Jesus' praise shall join,
His boundless love proclaim,
And solemnize in songs divine
The marriage of the Lamb.

8. O would he more of heaven bestow,
And let the vessel break,
And let our ransom'd spirits go
To grasp the God we seek:
In rapturous awe on him to gaze
Who bought the sight for me,
And shout and wonder at his grace
Thro' all eternity.

5. The race we all are running now,
And if I first attain,
They too their willing head shall bow,
They too the prize shall gain:
Now on the brink of death we stand,
And if I pass before,
They all shall soon escape to land,
And hail me on the shore.

7. O what a blessed hope is ours!
While here on earth we stay,
We more than taste the heavenly powers,
And antedate that day:
We feel the resurrection near,
Our life in Christ conceal'd,
And with his glorious presence here
Our earthen vessels filled.