

James Drummond Burns
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For thee, my God, for thee alone

Samuel Wesley
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The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines in both hands. The first system contains the first two lines of music, and the second system contains the next two lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

1. For thee, my God, for thee alone
My spirit longs with ardent love;
On earth beside thee there is none,
And none but thee in heaven above.

2. Fulfil, O God, my heart's desires;
While I look up, look down to bless;
Each holy wish thy grace inspires
May I in thy deep love possess.

3. My soul cleaves heavy to the dust,
But thou canst raise and set it free;
And then, in calm and joyful trust,
It soars from earth to heaven and thee.

4. Now in this stillness, as the breath
Of prayer steals upward to the skies,
O give my soul the wings of faith,
That it to thee may gladly rise;

5. That, breaking through each fleshly link
Which binds its being to the clod,
At life's clear wellspring may it drink,
Rejoicing in the smile of God.