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# Complainer

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William Walker, 1835  
G Major Alto by William Walker, 1867

Tr. 1. I am a great complainer, That bears the name of Christ; Come, all ye Zion's-mourners, And listen to my cries: I've many sore temptations, And  
2. O Lord of life and glory, My sins to me re-veal; And by thy love and power, My sin-sick soul be healed. I thought my war-fare o-ver, No

A. 3. I wish it was with me now As in the days of old, When the glorious light of Jesus Was flowing in my soul; But now I am dis-tres-sed, And

T. 4. It is great pride and passion, Be-set me on my way; So I am filled with folly, And so neglect to pray; While others run re-joi-cing, And  
5. I read that peace and happiness Meet Christians in their way, That bear their cross with meekness, And don't neglect to pray; But I, a thousand ob-jects Be-

B. 1. sorrows to my soul; I feel my faith de-cli-ning, And my af-fec-tions cold.  
2. trou-ble I should see, But now I'm like the lonely dove That mourns on the wavering tree.

A. 3. no re-lief can find, With a hard de-ceit-ful heart, And a wretched wandering mind.

T. 4. seem to lose no time, I am so weak I stum-ble, And so I'm left be-hind.  
5. -set me on my way, So I am filled with fol-ly, And so ne-glect to pray.

B. 15

This tune was also arranged by William Hauser in his *Hesperian Harp*, 1848.

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