1. O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
2. Oh, let me feel Thee near me,— The world is ever near;
3. O Jesus, Thou hast promised, To all who follow Thee,
4. Oh, let me see Thy footmarks, And in them plant mine own:

Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend!
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear.
That where Thou art in glory, There shall Thy servant be;
My hope to follow duly Is in Thy strength alone.

I shall not fear the battle, If Thou art by my side,
My foes are ever near me, Around me, and within;
And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me, Uphold me to the end;

Nor wander from the pathway, If Thou wilt be my Guide.
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin.
Oh, give me grace to follow My Master and my Friend!
And then in heav’n receive me, My Savior and my Friend.

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