O Jesus, I Have Promised

DAY OF REST

1. O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
   Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend!
   I shall not fear the battle, If Thou art by my side,
   Nor wander from the pathway, If Thou wilt be my Guide.

2. Oh, let me feel Thee near me,— The world is ever near;
   I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear.
   My foes are ever near me, Around me, and within;
   But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin.

3. O Jesus, Thou hast promised, To all who follow Thee,
   That where Thou art in glory, There shall Thy servant be;
   Oh, guide me, call me, draw me, Uphold me to the end;
   Oh, give me grace to follow My Master and my Friend!

4. Oh, let me see Thy footmarks, And in them plant mine own:
   My hope to follow duly Is in Thy strength alone.
   And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee, to the end;
   And then in heav’n receive me, My Saviour and my Friend.

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