There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

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There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice, Which is more than liberty.
For the love of God is broader Than the measure of man's mind;
And the Heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.

There is welcome for the sinner, And more grace for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior; There is healing in His Blood.
If our love were but more simple, We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all sunshine In the sweetness of our Lord.

But we make His love too narrow By false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness With a zeal He will not own.
Was there ever kinder shepherd Half so gentle, half so sweet,
There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in Heaven;
As the Savior who would have us Come and gather round His feet?

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