

# AMNS 65 My God, I love thee; not because

Melody: St. Francis Xavier

Latin, 17th cent.,  
tr. E. Caswall (1814-1878)

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1. My God, I love thee; not be-cause I hope for heav'n there - by,  
2. Thou, O my Je - sus, thou didst me up - on the cross em - brace;  
3. and griefs and tor-ments num-ber-less, and sweat of a - go - ny;

nor yet be-cause who love thee not are lost e - ter - nal - ly.  
for me didst bear the nails and spear, and ma - ni - fold dis - grace,  
yea, death it - self - and all for me who was thine e - ne - my.

4. Then why, O bless - ed Je - su Christ, should I not love thee well?  
5. not from the hope of gain - ing aught, not seek - ing a re - ward;  
6. So would I love thee, dear - est Lord, and in thy praise will sing;

not for the sake of win - ning heav'n, nor of es - cap - ing hell;  
but as thy - self hast lov - ed me, O ev - er - lov - ing Lord.  
sole - ly be-cause thou art my God, and my most lov - ing King.