

Innocent Sounds

Tr. ⁵

1. En-lis-ted in the cause of sin, Why should a good be e-vil? Mu-sic, a-las! Too long has been Pressed to obey the de-vil:
2. Who on the part of God will rise, In-no-cent sound recover? Fly on the prey, and take the prize, Plun-der the car-nal lo-ver,

T. ⁸

3. Come let us try if Je-sus' love Will not as well in-spire us: This is the theme of those above, This up-on earth shall fire us.
4. Je-sus the soul of mu-sic is; His is the no-blest pas-sion: Je-su-s's name is joy and peace, Hap-pi-ness and sal-va-tion:
5. Who hath a right like us to sing, Us whom his mer-cy raises? Mer-ry our hearts, for Christ is King, Cheer-ful are all our fa-ces:

B.

6. He that a sprinkled conscience hath, He that in God is mer-ry, Let him sing psalms, the Spirit saith, Joy-ful, and ne-ver wea-ry,
7. Then let us in his prai-ses join, Tri-umph in his sal-va-tion, Glo-ry a-scribe to love di-vine, Wor-ship, and a-do-ra-tion:

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1. Drunken, or lewd, or light the lay Flowed to the soul's un-do-ing, Widened, and strewed with flowers the way Down to e-ter-nal ru-in.
2. Strip him of every moving strain, Eve-ry mel-ting mea-sure, Mu-sic in vir-tue's cause re-tain, Res-cue the ho-ly plea-sure!

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3. Say, if your hearts are tuned to sing, Is there a subject greater? Harmony all its strains may bring, Je-su-s's name is swee-ter.
4. Je-su-s's name the dead can raise, Show us our sins forgi ven, Fill us with all the life of grace, Car-ry us up to hea-ven.
5. Who of his love doth once par-take He evermore re-joy-ces: Me-lo-dy in our hearts we make, Me-lo-dy with our voi-ces.

B.

6. Of-fer the sac-ri-fice of praise, Hearty, and never cea-sing, Spi-ri-tual songs and an-thems raise, Honor, and thanks, and blessing.
7. Hea-ven al-rea-dy is be-gun, O-pened in each be-lie-ver; On-ly be-lieve, and still sing on, Hea-ven is ours for-ev-er.

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