

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature Hymnal 1982 no. 384

Melody: Schönster Herr Jesu 5 6 8. 5 5 8.



Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

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Music: Melody from *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677, harmony from *The English Hymnal*, 1906