

# O Thou, whose wondrous love had given

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The musical score is written for piano and consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady accompaniment.

1. O Thou, whose wondrous love had given  
Thine own and only Son for man,  
Ere shone the earliest star in heaven  
Or earth was framed or time began.  
And chosen us in Him to be  
His Bride for all eternity:

2. Thou, who hast deigned for us to build  
The mansions of Jerusalem,  
With all Thy gifts of goodness filled  
And rich with crystal, gold and gem.  
Whose gates and walls and streets declare  
One glorious name, "The Lord is there:"

3. Now in this little space between  
Two vast eternities of love,  
This narrow isthmus of things seen  
Thy children cross to rest above,  
Wilt Thou refuse to be our Guide  
And all our daily needs provide?

4. Oh shame upon the faithless heart  
Which harbours such a thought of Thee!  
My God, that Thou art what Thou art  
Is promise, aye, and proof to me  
While passing through this shadowy vale  
The cruse of oil shall never fail.

5. From everlasting I am Thine  
In Thy free covenant of grace:  
To everlasting Thou art mine  
In faith's response and love's embrace:  
This life our Father gave and planned  
Is safe in His Almighty hand. Amen.