

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee with sweet-ness
2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the
3. O hope of ev - 'ry con - trite heart, O joy of
4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou; as thou our



1. fills my breast; but sweet - er far thy
2. mem - 'ry find a sweet - er sound than
3. all the meek, how kind you are to
4. prize wilt be; in thee be all our



1. face to see and in thy pres - ence rest.
2. thy blest name, O Sav - iour of man - kind!
3. those who fail, how good to those who seek!
4. glo - ry now: and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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Lyrics: 86.86; Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, in "Lyra Catholica", 1849.
Music: SAINT AGNES; John B. Dykes, 1823-1876, in John Grey's "Hymnal for Use in the English Church", 1866.