

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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

1. but sweet - er far thy face to see and in thy pres - ence rest.
2. a sweet - er sound than thy blest name, O Sav - iour of man - kind!
3. to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
4. in thee be all our 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.