

Quicumque certum quaeritis
All Ye Who Seek a Comfort Sure

Edward Caswall / SAINT BERNARD



1. All ye who seek a comfort sure
in trouble and distress,
whatever sorrows vex the mind,
or guilt the soul oppress:

2. Jesus, who gave himself for you
upon the Cross to die,
opens to you his sacred heart;
so to that heart draw nigh.

3. Ye hear how kindly he invites;
ye hear his words so blest:
"all ye that labour come to me,
and I will give you rest."

4. What meeker than the Saviour's heart?
As on the Cross he lay,
it did his murderers forgive,
and for their pardon pray.

5. O heart! Thou joy of saints on high!
Thou hope of sinners here!
Attracted by those loving words,
to thee I lift my prayer.

6. Wash thou our wounds in that dear blood
which from thy heart doth flow;
a new and contrite heart on all
who cry to thee bestow.

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