

The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King

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1. Th'eternal gifts of Christ the King,
th'apostles' glorious deeds, we sing;
and while due hymns of praise we pay,
our thankful hearts cast grief away.
2. 'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
th'unconquered hope that never faints,
the love of Christ that knows not shame,
the prince of this world overcame.
3. In these the Father's glory shone;
in these the will of God the Son;
in these exults the Holy Ghost;
through these rejoice the heavenly host.
4. Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
that, with this glorious band above,
hereafter, of thine endless grace,
thy servants also may have place.

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