

Iesu dulcis memoria
Jesus, the Very Thought of You

Edward Caswall / SAINT AGNES



1. Jesus, the very thought of you
fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view
and rest within your light.
2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than your blest name,
O Saviour of us all!

3. O hope of ev'ry humble soul,
O joy of all the meek,
how kind you are to those who fail,
how good to those who seek!
4. O Jesus, be our joy today;
help us to prize your love;
grant us at last to hear you say:
"Come, share my home above."

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