

Jesu, meiner Seelen Wonne
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

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1. Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright,
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring,
soar to uncreated Light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned
with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying, 'round thy throne.

2. Through the way where hope is guiding,
hark what peaceful music rings;
where the flock, in thee confiding,
drink of joy from deathless springs.
There's is beauty's fairest pleasure;
there's is wisdom's holiest treasure;
thou dost ever lead thine own,
in the love of joys unknown.

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