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B. It is daily presentation of our bodies for His service.

Direct, control, suggest this day, All I design or do or say, That all my powers, with all their might, In Thy sole glory may unite.

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How tedious and tasteless the hours, When Jesus no longer I see; Sweet prospects, sweet birds, and sweet flowers Have all lost their sweetness with me:

The midsummer sun shines but dim, The fields strive in vain to look gay; But when I am happy in him, December's as pleasant as May.

Content with beholding His face, My all to his pleasure resigned; No changes of season or place Would make any change in my mind:

While blessed with a sense of His love, A palace a toy would appear; And prisons would palaces prove, If Jesus would dwell with me there.

Dear Lord, if indeed I am thine, If Thou art my sun and my song; Say, why do I languish and pine? And why are my winters so long?

Oh, drive these dark clouds from my sky, Thy soul-cheering presence restore, Or take me unto thee on high, Where winter and clouds are no more!