

By Gracious Powers

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1 By gra-cious pow'rs so won-der-ful-ly shel-tered,
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor-ment-ed,
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim-ming
 4 Yet when a-gain in this same world you give us
 5 By gra-cious pow'rs so faith-ful-ly pro-ject-ed,

and con-fi-dent-ly wait-ing come what may,
 still e-vil days bring bur-dens hard to bear;
 with bit-ter suf-fering, hard to un-der-stand,
 the joy we had, the bright-ness of your sun,
 so qui-et-ly, so won-der-ful-ly near,

we know that God is with us night and morn-ing,
 Oh, give our fright-ened souls the sure sal-va-tion,
 we take it thank-ful-ly and with-out trem-bling
 we shall re-mem-ber all the days we lived through
 I'll live each day in hope, with you be-side me,

and nev-er fails to greet us each new day.
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre-pare.
 out of so good and so be-loved a hand.
 and our whole life shall then be yours a-lone.
 and go with you through ev-ery com-ing year.

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