

# My God, I love Thee - not because

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**My God, I love Thee; not because  
I hope for Heav'n thereby,  
Nor yet because who love Thee not  
May eternally die.**

**Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me  
Upon the cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails and spear,  
And manifold disgrace.**

**And griefs and torments numberless,  
And sweat of agony;  
E'en death itself; and all for man  
Who was Thine enemy.**

**Then why, O blessèd Jesus Christ  
Should I not love Thee well?  
Not for the hope of winning Heaven,  
Nor of escaping hell.**

**Not with the hope of gaining aught,  
Nor seeking a reward,  
But as Thyself hast lovèd me,  
O everlasting Lord!**

**E'en so I love Thee, and will love,  
And in Thy praise will sing,  
Solely because Thou art my God,  
And my eternal King.**

Francis Xavier