

Awake, my heart, and render to God

Nicolaus Selnecker, 1587

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Awake, my heart, and render
To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.

Due sacrifice I'll offer;
My morning gift I proffer,
No fatted beast for killing,
But prayer and praises willing.

Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with Thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be Thy dwelling,
With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy Word my nurture, given
To bring me on toward heaven.

Paulus Gerhardt (1647)