Immortal Love, for ever full

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Immortal love, forever full, Forever flowing free, Forever shared, forever whole, A never ebbing sea!

We may not climb the heavenly steeps To bring the Lord Christ down; In vain we search the lowest deeps, For Him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet, A present help is He; And faith still has its Olivet, And love its Galilee.

Through Him the first fond prayers are said Our lips of childhood frame, The last low whispers of our dead Are burdened with His Name.

O Lord and Master of us all, Whate'er our name or sign, We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call, We test our lives by Thine.

The letter fails, the systems fall, And every symbol wanes; The Spirit over brooding all, **Eternal Love remains.**

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