Father, again in Jesus' name we meet



Father, again in Jesus' name we meet, And bow in penitence beneath Your feet; Again to You our feeble voices raise, To sue for mercy, and to sing Your praise.

O we would bless You for Your ceaseless care, And all Your works from day to day declare; Is not our life with hourly mercies crowned? Does not Your arm encircle us around? Alas, unworthy of Your boundless love, Too oft with careless feet from You we rove; But now, encouraged by Your voice, we come, Returning sinners to a Father's home.

O by that name in whom all fulness dwells, O by that love which ev'ry love excels, O by that blood so freely shed for sin, Open blest mercy's gate and take us in.

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