

O Grieve Not So, Nor So Lament

THANKSGIVING

(also known as Not So Darkly, Not So Deep or Why This Sad and Mournful Guise?)

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♩ = 100

1. O grieve not so, nor so la - ment, My soul! nor trou - bled sigh,
 2. There is no right you can de - mand, No ti - tle you can claim;
 3. How thank - less art you, child of man! For fa - vors that a - bound;
 4. Num - - ber your limbs, your mem - bers tell, And ask your thank - less soul,
 5. Now, go and search the depths of mind, Ex - plore its won - drous pow'r,

Be - - cause some joys to o - thers sent Your Fa - ther may de - - ny;
 For all are stran - gers in the land Who bear the hu - man name:
 Your God has giv'n you eyes to scan The glo - ry all a - - round;
 If to a - no - ther you would sell The small - est of them all.
 New proofs of be - ne - fits to find, That meet you e - v'ry hour;

Take all as love that seems se - vere There is no want if God is near.
 Earth and its trea - sures are the Lord's, And He the lot of each ac - cords.
 Yet sel - dom for this price - less sight, Have you been heard to praise a - - right.
 There is not one from which your heart Would will - ing - ly sub - mit to part.
 More than the sand u - pon the shore, And e - ver ri - sing more and more.

6. He knows, who lives on Zion's hill,
 What we in truth require;
 Knows too how many blessings still
 This flesh and blood desire;
 And could He safely all bestow,
 He would not let you sorr'wing go.

7. You were not born that earth should be
 A portion fondly sought;
 Look up to heav'n, and smiling see
 Your shining, golden lot!
 Honors and joys, which you shall share,
 Unending and unenvied there!

8. Then journey on to life and bliss,
 God will protect to heav'n;
 And every good that meets you is
 A blessing wisely given.
 If losses come, let it be so
 The God of heav'n remains with you.