

- H**OW long hast Thou bestowed Thy care
On our ungrateful, rebel land?
For of the nations far and near
Few know such blessings from Thy hand.
- 2 Here peace and liberty have dwelt,
The glorious Gospel brightly shone;
And oft our enemies have felt
That God has made our cause His own.
- 3 But Heaven and earth have clearly heard
Our vile rejection of that love.
We, though like children kindly reared,
Rebels against Thy goodness prove.
- 4 Thy grace despised, Thy power defied,
And legions of the foulest crimes,
Profanest sins of lust and pride
All greatly mark the present times.
- 5 Lord, hear Thy people everywhere,
Who meet to mourn, confess, and pray:
The nation and Thy churches spare,
And let Thy wrath be turned away.

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