

*Bethesda's Pool, *John 5:2*

BESIDE the Gospel pool,*
Appointed for the poor,
Has many a helpless, seeking soul
Come hoping for a cure.

2 How often have we seen
The healing waters move,
And needy sinners stepping in,
Converting kindness prove.

3 But some unsaved remain,
They feel the very same,
As full of guilt, and doubt, and pain,
As when at first they came.

4 And often some have thought,
'Why should I longer lie?
Surely the mercy I have sought
Is not for such as I?'

5 But where else can they go?
There is no other pool
Where streams of love and mercy flow
To make a sinner whole.

6 O bless them here today,
In trust may they apply;
O Saviour, hear lost sinners pray,
Nor suffer them to die.

John Newton, 1725-1807