

**F**OR a season called to part,  
Let us then ourselves commend  
To the gracious eye and heart  
Of our ever-present Friend.

- 2 Jesus, hear our humble prayer!  
Tender Shepherd of Thy sheep!  
Let Thy mercy and Thy care  
All our souls in safety keep.
- 3 In Thy strength may we be strong!  
Sweeten every cross and pain:  
Give us, if we live, ere long  
Here to meet in peace again.
- 4 Then, for all Thy love outpoured,  
We shall join in prayer and praise;  
And our souls shall bless the Lord  
Who has watched o'er all our ways.

*John Newton, 1725-1807†*