

O LOVE of God, how strong and true!
Eternal and yet ever new;
Uncomprehended and unbought,
Beyond all knowledge and all thought.

- 2 O Love of God, how deep and great!
Far deeper than man's deepest hate;
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light,
Changeless, eternal, infinite.
- 3 We read Thee in the flowers, the trees,
The freshness of the fragrant breeze,
The songs of birds upon the wing,
The joy of summer and of spring.
- 4 We read Thee best in Him Who came
To bear for us the cross of shame,
Sent by the Father from on high,
Our life to live, our death to die.
- 5 We read Thy power to bless and save
E'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light,
We read the fulness of Thy might.
- 6 O Love of God, our shield and stay
Through all the perils of our way;
Eternal Love, in Thee we rest,
For ever safe, for ever blest!

Horatius Bonar, 1808-89