

INSPIRER of the ancient seers,
Who wrote from Thee the sacred page,
Kept through the long succeeding years
For us in our benighted age:
The message of that Word impart
And break its life into our heart.

- 2 While now the text divine we read,
With earnest prayer and strong desire,
O may a work in us proceed
Our souls to quicken and inspire;
Our dullness help, our blindness chase,
And guide us by the light of grace.
- 3 The sacred lessons of Thy ways,
Transmitted through Thy Word, repeat;
And train us up to themes of grace;
And make us in Thy will complete;
Fulfil Thy love's redeeming plan
And bring us to a perfect man.
- 4 So furnished from Thy treasury,
O may we always ready stand
To help the souls redeemed by Thee
In what their various states demand;
To teach, convince, correct, reprove,
And build them up in serving love.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88†