

LET worldly minds this world pursue,  
It has no charms for me;  
I once admired its trifles too,  
But grace has set me free.

- 2 Its pleasures now no longer please,  
No more content afford;  
Far from my heart be joys like these,  
Now I have seen the Lord.
- 3 As by the light of opening day  
The stars are all concealed;  
So earthly pleasures fade away,  
When Jesus is revealed.
- 4 Such things no more divide my choice,  
I bid them all depart;  
His name, and love, and gracious voice,  
Have gripped my roving heart.
- 5 Now, Lord, I would be Thine alone,  
And wholly live to Thee;  
O grace! that Thou dost love and own  
A worthless worm like me!
- 6 Yes! though of sinners I'm the worst,  
I cannot doubt Thy will,  
For if Thou hadst not loved me first,  
I would refuse Thee still.

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