O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee

be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.

I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, my foes are ever near me, around me and within; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;

nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide. But Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin. O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul. O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

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