Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring

1. Jesus, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom,
love most bright; drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to
uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
joy from deathless springs. Thine is beauty's fairest pleasure;

2. Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful
music rings; where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of
uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
joy from deathless springs. Thine is beauty's fairest pleasure;

with the fire of life impassioned, striving still to
their wisdom's holiest treasure. Thou dost ever

truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.
Thy love unknown.

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