How Lovely Is You Dwelling

1 How lovely is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts, to me;
2 Be beneath your care the sparrow finds place for peaceful rest;
3 Blest they who love and serve you, whose joy and strength you are.

my soul is longing, fainting, the courts of God to see.
to keep her young in safety the swallow finds a nest.
Forever they will praise you, your ways are in their heart.

The beauty of your dwelling will bring me joy anew.
So, Lord, my King Almighty, your love will shelter me;
Though tried, their tears like showers shall fill the springs of peace;

My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for you.
be beneath your wings of mercy my dwelling place will be.
and all the way to Zion their strength shall still increase.

Text: Psalm 84:1-7; vers. Psalter, 1912, alt.
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