O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Jesus I have promised to serve you to the end;
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
but, Jesus, draw still nearer and shield my soul from sin!

2 O let me feel you near me; the world is ever near;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
and speak to make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
that where you are in glory your servants shall be too.
when you in glory take me, my Savior and my Friend.

4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
be now and ever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I see the sights that dazzle the tempting sounds I hear.
that above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.

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