We Give You but Your Own

1 We give you but your own in any gifts we bring;
2 May we your bounties thus as stewards true receive,
3 To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
4 The captive to release, the lost to God to bring,
5 And we believe your Word, though dim our faith may be.

all that we have is yours alone, a trust from you, our King.
and gladly, Lord, as you bless us, to you our first fruits give.
to tend those lost in loneliness is angels’ work below.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
What e’er we do for you, O Lord, we do it gratefully.

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