O Love of God, How Strong and True

1. O love of God, how strong and true, eternal
and yet ever new, uncomprehended
and un Bought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2. O heavenly love, how precious still in days of
wearyness and ill, in nights of pain and helplessness, to heal, to comfort, and to bless.

3. O wide-embracing wondrous love! we read you in the sky above; the song of birds up earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

4. We read you in the flowers, the trees, the freshness of the fragrant breeze, the song of birds upon the wing, the joy of summer and of spring.

5. We read you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

6. We read your power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave; still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of your might.

7. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way; eternal love, in you we rest, forever safe, forever blest.

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