I Could Not Do Without Thee

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D *F#m*
1. I could not do without thee / O Savior of the lost,
G *Em* *A*
Whose precious blood redeemed me / at such tremendous cost;
D *A*
Thy righteousness, thy pardon / thy precious blood, must be
G *D/F#* *Em* *A* *D* *D*
My only hope and comfort / my glory and my plea.

2. I could not do without thee / I cannot stand alone,
I have no strength or goodness / no wisdom of my own;
But thou, belovèd Savior / art all in all to me,
And weakness will be power / if leaning hard on thee.

Chorus:

G *A*
In Thee I trust, On Thee I call,
D *D/C#* *Bm* *A*
O Son of God who knowest all,
G *A*
O Savior dear / Be Thou near

3. I could not do without thee / for, oh, the way is long,
And I am often weary / and sigh replaces song:
How could I do without thee? / I do not know the way;
Thou knowest, and thou leadest / and wilt not let me stray.

4. I could not do without thee / no other friend can read
The spirit's strange deep longings / interpreting its need;
No human heart could enter / each dim recess of mine,
And soothe, and hush, and calm it / *O Blessèd Lord, but thine.*

CHORUS

5. I could not do without thee / for years are fleeting fast,
And soon in solemn loneness / the river must be passed;
But thou wilt never leave me / and though the waves roll high,
I know thou wilt be near me / and whisper, 'It is I.'

CHORUS

extra verse: 4. I could not do without thee / O Jesus, Saviour dear;
e'en when my eyes are holden / I know that thou art near;
how dreary and how lonely / this changeful life would be
without the sweet communion / the secret rest with thee.