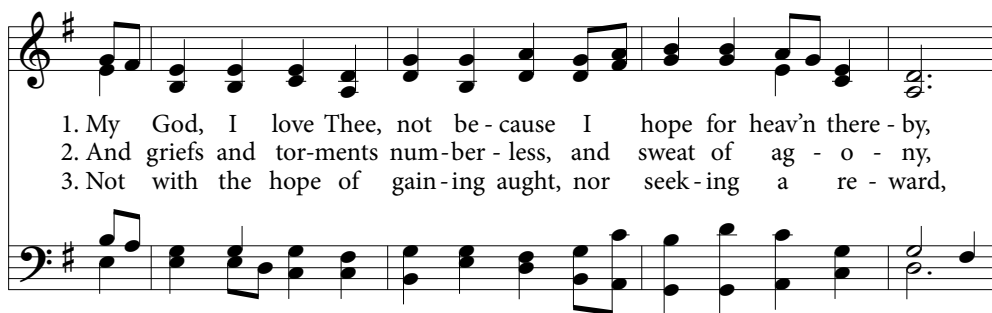


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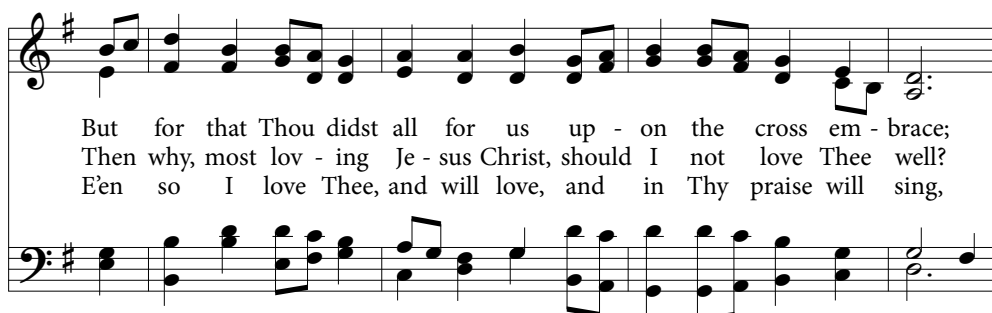
"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him." John 14:23



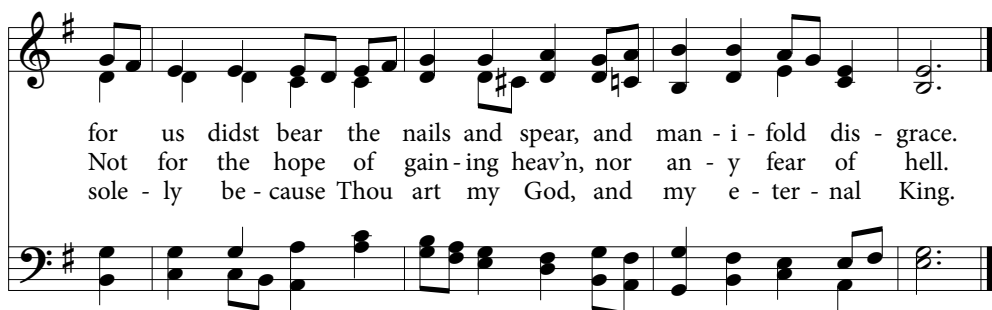
1. My God, I love Thee, not be - cause I hope for heav'n there - by,
 2. And griefs and tor - ments num - ber - less, and sweat of ag - o - ny,
 3. Not with the hope of gain - ing aught, nor seek - ing a re - ward,



nor yet for fear that, lov - ing not, I might for - ev - er die.
 and death it - self—and all for man who was Thine en - e - my.
 but as Thou first have lov - ed me, O ev - er - last - ing Lord!



But for that Thou didst all for us up - on the cross em - brace;
 Then why, most lov - ing Je - sus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
 E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing,



for us didst bear the nails and spear, and man - i - fold dis - grace.
 Not for the hope of gain - ing heav'n, nor an - y fear of hell.
 sole - ly be - cause Thou art my God, and my e - ter - nal King.

TEXT: Anonymous, 1829; trans. Edward Caswall, 1849, alt.

MUSIC: *English Country Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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