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Precious drops, my soul bedewing,
Plead, and claim my peace, with God.**

**Truly blessed is this station,
Low before the cross to lie,
While I see divine compassion
Floating in his languid eye.
Here it is I find my heaven,
While upon the Lamb I gaze;
Love I much?I've much forgiven,
I'm a miracle of grace.**

**Love and grief my heart dividing,
With my tears his feet I'll bathe;
Constant still in faith abiding,
Life deriving from his death.**

**Here in tender, grateful sorrow
With my Saviour will I stay;
Here new hope and strength will borrow;
Here will love my fears away.
---Alternative verses---
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Gazing her I'd spend my breath;
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Floating in His languid eye.
Truly blessed is the station,
Low before His cross to lie,
While I see divine compassion
Beaming in His gracious eye.
Here we find our hope of Heaven,
While upon the Lamb we gaze;
Loving much, and much forgiven,
Let our hearts o'erflow with praise.**

**Here it is I find my heaven,
While upon the cross I gaze;
Love I much?I've much forgiven,
I'm a miracle of grace.
Oh, that, near the cross abiding,
We may to the Savior cleave,
Naught with Him our hearts dividing,
All for Him content to leave!**

**May we still, the cross discerning,
There for peace and comfort go;
There new wonders daily learning,
All the depths of mercy know.**

**Lord, in ceaseless contemplation
Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee,
Till we taste Thy full salvation,
And unveiled Thy glories see.**

**Lord, in grateful contemplation
Make me view thy love divine,
Till I taste Thy whole salvation,
Where, unveiled, Thy glories see.**

**For Thy sorrows we adore Thee,
For the griefs that wrought our peace;
Gracious Savior, we implore Thee,
In our hearts Thy love increase.**

**Here we rest, in wonder viewing
All our sins on Jesus laid,
And a full redemption flowing
From the sacrifice He made.**

**Here we find the dawn of Heaven,
While upon the Lamb we gaze;
See our trespasses forgiven,
And out songs of triumph raise.**

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