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496 【当我不见基督容华】

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(一) 当我不见基督容华，时间何等无味、可厌！活泼的鸟、美丽的花，对我就不再是甘甜；可爱太阳如失光线，田野枉欲表现欢喜；当我快乐在祂里面，阴霾也如晴空美丽。

(二) 祂名发出最美香味，祂声成为最甜音乐，祂的同在展我愁眉，使我里面尽都欢悦；祂若如此不断亲密，我就无何可怕、可求，无人快乐与我可比，我的春日常年长有。

(三) 看见祂面我就甘甜，我就只求祂的欢喜，不论时地有何改变，不能改变我的心意；只要感觉祂的爱恋，宫殿也成可笑玩具，监狱可成荣耀宫殿，如果基督和我同居。

(四) 我主，若我真是属祢，祢若是我诗歌、太阳，请问为何我仍忧悒？为何严冬这样久长？或将黑云赶离我天，恢复祢的欢乐同在；或接我到祢的面前，无冬昏昧，无云鬢鬢。「鬢鬢」意思云层笼罩的样子。

(1) How tedious and tasteless the hours when Jesus no longer I see! Sweet prospects, sweet birds and sweet flow'rs, have all lost their sweetness to me. The midsummer sun shines but dim, The fields strive in vain to look gay; but when I am happy in Him December's as pleasant as May.

(2) His name yields the richest perfume, and sweeter than music His voice; His presence disperses my gloom, and makes all within me rejoice. I should, were He always thus nigh, have nothing to wish or to fear; no mortal so happy as I; my summer would last all the year.

(3) Content with beholding His face, my all to His pleasure resigned; no changes of season or place, would make any change in my mind. While blessed with a sense of His love, a palace a toy would appear; and prisons would palaces prove, if Jesus would dwell with me there.

(4) My Lord, if indeed I am Thine, if Thou art my sun and my song, say, why do I languish and pine? And why are my

winters so long? Oh, drive these dark clouds from the sky, Thy soul-cheering presence restore; or take me to Thee up on high, where winter and clouds are no more.

John Newton