

1 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
2 Lord, my God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so

en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me; Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,

Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed is
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, oh, en -

this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
ter Thou, Let it be Thy tem - ple now! A - men.

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with two verses indicated by the numbers 1 and 2. The score ends with a double bar line.

3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted,
Here Thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken,
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in my strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee,
Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows,
Here is balm for all our woes.

Hymn #1: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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