O Jesus I Have Promised

John Ernest Bode, 1868

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; Be Thou forever near me,
   and in Thy strength alone.

2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle,
   and my Master and my Friend; I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,

3. O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still, Above the storms of passion,
   there shall Thy servant be. And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;

4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee That where Thou art in glory
   the tempting sounds I hear; My foes are ever near me, a-round me and within;

5. O let me see Thy footprints, and in them plant mine own; My hope to follow duly
   is in Thy strength alone. O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;

Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guard-tan of my soul.
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

And then in Heaven receive me, my Savior and my Friend.

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