

# My God, I love Thee, not because

Verse

My God, I love thee, not be - cause I hope for heaven there - by,  
Thou, O my Je - sus, thou didst me up - on the cross em - brace;  
Then why, O bless - ed Je - sus Christ, should I not love thee well?  
Not with the hope of gain - ing aught, not seek - ing a re - ward,  
So would I love thee, dear - est Lord, and in thy praise will sing;

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nor yet be - cause, if I love not, I must for - ev - er die.  
for me didst bear the nails and spear and man - i - fold dis - grace.  
Not for the sake of win - ning heaven, nor of es - cap - ing hell.  
but as thy - self hast lov - ed me, O ev - er - last - ing Lord.  
be - cause thou art my lov - ing God and my e - ter - nal King.