

I ASKED THE LORD

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Traditional

1. I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and
 2. 'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, and He I
 3. I hoped that in some fa - vored hour at once He'd
 4. In - stead of this He made me feel the hid - den
 5. Yea more with His own hand He seemed in - tent to
 6. "Lord, why is this," I, trem - bling, cried; "Wilt Thou pur -
 7. "These in - ward tri - - als I em - ploy from self and

love trust and ev - 'ry grace, might more of
 an - - - has an - swered prayer, but it has
 e - - - swer my re - quest and by His
 ag - - - vils of my heart and let the
 sue - - - gra - vate my woe, crossed all the
 pride Thy worm to death?" "Tis in this
 to set thee free, and break Thy

His sal - va - tion know and seek more
 been in such a way as al - most
 love's con - strain - ing pow'r sub - due my
 an - - - gry pow'rs of Hell as - sault my
 fair de - signs I schemed, hum - bled my
 way," the Lord re - plied, "I an - swer
 schemes of earth - ly joy that thou may'st

ear - - - nest me - ly His face.
 drove - - - and in - give me - spair.
 sins and in ev - me rest.
 soul and in laid 'ry part.
 heart, and for grace me low.
 prayer and thy all me and faith."
 find thy grace in in Me."