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Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

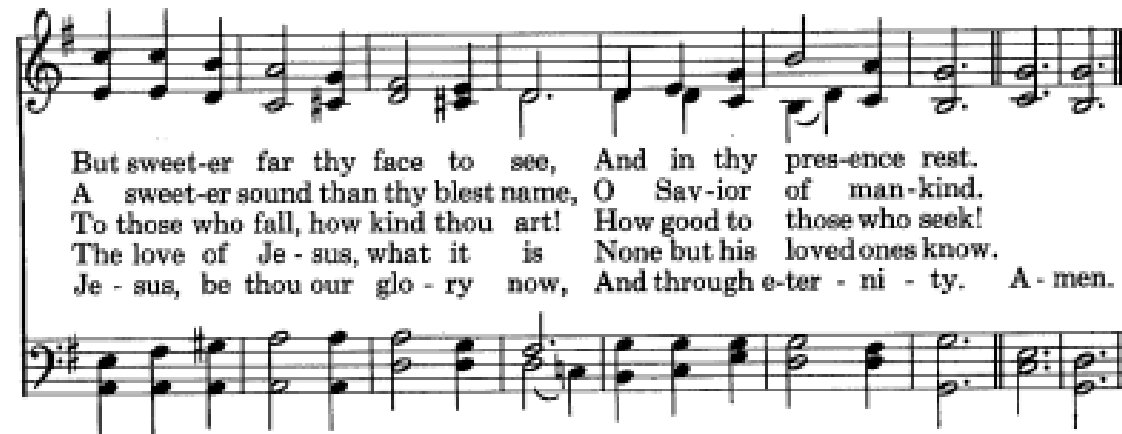
First Tune

Latin: 12th century  
Tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.

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1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee, With sweet-ness fills my breast;  
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the mem-ory find  
3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
4 But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt be;



But sweet-er far thy face to see, And in thy pres-ence rest.  
A sweet-er sound than thy blest name, O Sav-ior of man-kind.  
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
The love of Je - sus, what it is None but his loved ones know.  
Je - sus, be thou our glo - ry now, And through e-ter - ni - ty. A - men.

# Yigdal Elohim Chai

(The God of Abraham Praise)

Gen. 12:1; 17:15-16; Exod. 3:14; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 4:8

Moses Maimonides, 12th century  
Versification attrib. to Daniel ben Judah, c. 1400  
Transl. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1884; alt.

1 Yig - dal e - lo - him chai v' - yish - ta - bach,  
1 The God of A - braham praise, all prais - es to God's name,  
2 God's spir - it free - ly flows, high surg - ing where it will;  
3 God has e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;  
4 The God of Sar - ah praise, all prais - es to God's name,

nim - tza v' - ein eit el m' - tzi - u - to  
who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!  
God spoke of old in proph - et's word; that word speaks still.  
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.  
who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!

E - chad v' - ein ya - chid k' - yi - chu - do,  
The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;  
Es - tab - lished is God's law, and change - less it shall stand,  
All praise the liv - ing God! Ex - tol that hal - lowed name,  
The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;

ne - lam v' - gam ein sof l' - ach - du - to.  
the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!  
deep writ - ten on the hu - man heart, in ev - ery land,  
who was, and is, and ev - er shall be still the same!  
the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!

## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt.*

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your  
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our

end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's  
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the  
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the  
 pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to

shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you  
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,  
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing  
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,

of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall  
 lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,  
 as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,  
 and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.  
 yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.