If Thou But Suffer God to Guide

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1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee, And hope in Him thru all thy ways,
   He'll give thee strength what-e'er betide thee, And bear thee thru the evil days;
   Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that naught can move.

2. What can these anxious cares avail thee, These never ceasing moans and sighs?
   What can it help, if thou bewail thee O'er each dark moment as it flies?
   Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.

3. On-ly be still, and wait His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content
   To take what-e'er thy Father's pleasure And all discerning love hath sent;
   Nor doubt our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.

4. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, So do thine own part faithfully
   And trust His Word though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
   God never yet forsaken at need The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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