I Would Not Live Alway

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1. I would not live al - way; I ask not to stay
Where storm af - ter storm ris - es, dark o'er the way;
The few lu - rid morn - ings that dawn on us here
Are e - nough for life's woes, full e - nough for its cheer.

2. I would not live al - way, thus fet - ter'd by sin,
Temp - ta - tion with - out and cor -rup - tion with in;
E'en the rap - ture of par - don is min - gled with fears,
And the cup of thanks - giv - ing with pen - i - tent tears.

3. I would not live al - way; no, wel - come the tomb;
Since Je - sus hath lain there I dread not its gloom;
There sweet be my rest, till He bid me a - rise
To hail Him in tri - umph de - scend ing the skies.

4. Who, who would live al - way, a - way from his God?
A - way from yon heav - en, that bliss - ful a - bode,
Where the riv - ers of pleas - ure flow o'er the bright plains,
And the noon - tide of glo - ry e - ter - nal - ly reigns:

5. Where the saints of all ag - es in har - mo - ny meet,
Their Sav - ior and breth - ren trans - port - ed to greet,
While the an - thems of rap - ture un - ceas - ing - ly roll,
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul.

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