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"Now the Just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." Heb. 10:38

Key of F# Minor

1. Oh, once I had a glorious view Of my redeeming Lord,
2. Oh, what immortal joys I felt On that celestial day,
3. Once I could joy the saints to meet, To me they were most dear;
4. I once could mourn o'er dying men, And longed their souls to win;
5. I forward go in duty's way, But can't perceive him there;
6. What shall I do? shall I lie down And sink in deep despair?

He said, I'll be a God to you, And I believed His word.
When my hard heart began to melt, By love dissolved away!
I then could stoop to wash their feet, And shed a joyful tear;
I travailed for their poor children, And warned them of their sin;
Then backward on the road I stray, But cannot find him there;
Will He forever wear a frown, Nor hear my feeble prayer?
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But now I have a deeper stroke Than all my groanings are;
But my complaint is bitter now, For all my joys are gone;

But now I meet them as the rest, And with them joyless stay;
But now my heart's so careless grown, Altho' they're drowned in vice,

On the left hand, where he doth work, Among the wicked crew,
No, He will put His strength in me, He knows the way I've strolled,

My God has me of late forsook, He's gone, I know not where.
I've strayed! I'm left! I know not how: The light's from me withdrawn.

My conversation's spiritless, Or else I've naught to say.
My bowels o'er them cease to yearn - My tears have left mine eyes.

And on the right I find him not Among the favored few.
And when I'm tried sufficiently I shall come forth as gold.