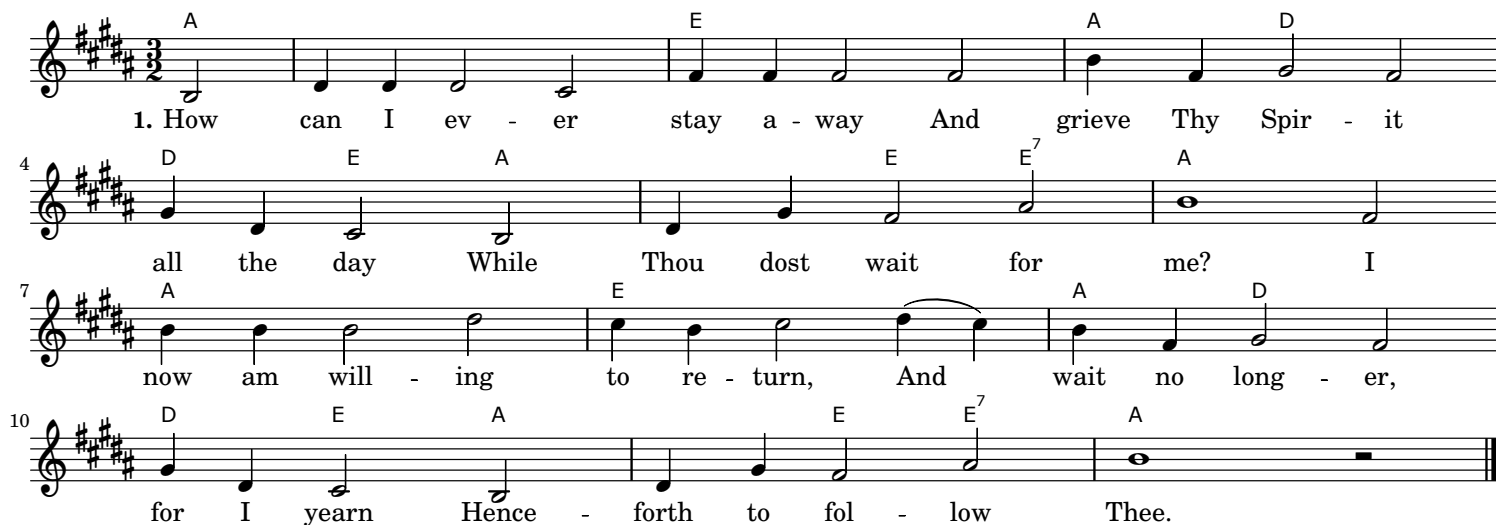


How can I ever stay away
Consecration — Returning to the Lord

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(Guitar: Capo 2)



1. How can I ev - er stay a - way And grieve Thy Spir - it
all the day While Thou dost wait for me? I
now am will - ing to re - turn, And wait no long - er,
for I yearn Hence - forth to fol - low Thee.

2. I offer now without reserve
All that I am and all I have
Thy purpose to fulfill.
Oh, may the Lord accept and keep,
That henceforth I may only seek
To do the Father's will.
3. When I look back, what grief and shame
That I've brought none to trust Thy name,
Thy word I've locked within.
Oh, may the Lord anointing give
And richly through my being live,
That I may speak of Him.
4. My gracious Lord has giv'n much grace,
Exceeding e'en a friend my place;
I fain would be His bride.
I'd share His life and suffer loss,
Accepting willingly the cross,
With Him identified.