

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

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(Guitar: Capo 2)

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1. How	can	I	ev - er	stay	a - way	And	grieve	Thy	Spir - it
D		E		A		E	E⁷	A	
all	the	day	While	Thou	dost	wait	for	me?	I
A			E			A		D	
now	am	will - ing	to	re - turn,	And	wait	no	long - er,	
D		E		A		E	E⁷	A	
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.