

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

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "1. How can I ever stay away And grieve Thy Spirit". The second staff continues the lyrics: "all the day While Thou dost wait for me? I". The third staff continues: "now am willing to return, And wait no longer,". The fourth staff concludes with: "for I yearn Henceforth to follow Thee." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: B, F#, F#/E, B/D#, E, B/D# in the first staff; G#m, F#/A#, B, E, F#, F#7, B in the second staff; B, F#, G#m, B/D#, E, B in the third staff; E, F#, B, G#m, F#, F#7, B in the fourth staff.

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.