

**Once it was the blessing**  
**Experience of Christ — As Everything**

*(Guitar: Capo 1)*

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1. Once it was the blessing, Now it is the Lord;                      Once it was the feel-ing, Now it is His Word;

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Once His gift I want-ed, Now, the Giv-er own;                      Once I sought for healing, Now Himself a-lone.

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(C) All in all for-ev - er,                      On - ly Christ                      I'll sing;

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Ev - erything is in                      Christ, And Christ is ev - erything.

2. Once 'twas painful trying,  
 Now 'tis perfect trust;  
 Once a half salvation,  
 Now the uttermost;  
 Once 'twas ceaseless holding,  
 Now He holds me fast;  
 Once 'twas constant drifting,  
 Now my anchor's cast.

3. Once 'twas busy planning,  
 Now 'tis trustful prayer;  
 Once 'twas anxious caring,  
 Now He has the care;  
 Once 'twas what I wanted,  
 Now what Jesus says;  
 Once 'twas constant asking,  
 Now 'tis ceaseless praise.

4. Once it was my working,  
 His it hence shall be;  
 Once I tried to use Him,  
 Now He uses me;  
 Once the pow'r I wanted,  
 Now the Mighty One;  
 Once for self I labored,  
 Now for Him alone.

5. Once I hoped in Jesus,  
 Now I know He's mine;  
 Once my lamps were dying,  
 Now they brightly shine;  
 Once for death I waited,  
 Now His coming hail;  
 And my hopes are anchored  
 Safe within the veil.