

Thou hast said Thou art the Vine, Lord

Experience of Christ — Abiding in Him

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(Guitar)

- Dm** **A** **Gm** **A**
1. Thou hast said Thou art the Vine, Lord, And that I'm a branch in Thee,
- Dm** **D7** **Gm** **Dm** **A** **Dm**
- But I do not know the rea - son Why I should so bar - ren be.
- 2.** Bearing fruit is my deep longing,
More Thy life to manifest,
To Thy throne to bring more glory,
That Thy will may be expressed.
- 3.** But I fail to understand, Lord,
What it means—"abide in me
For the more I seek "abiding,"
More I feel I'm not in Thee.
- 4.** How I feel I'm not abiding;
Though I pray and strongly will,
Yet from me Thou seemest distant
And my life is barren still.
- 5.** Yet Thou art the Vine, Thou saidst it.
And I am a branch in Thee;
When I take Thee as my Savior.
Then this fact is wrought in me.
- 6.** Now I'm in Thee and I need not
Seek into Thyself to come,
For I'm joined to Thee already,
With Thy flesh and bones I'm one.
- 7.** Not to "go in" is the secret.
But that I'm "already in"!
That I ne'er may leave I'd ask Thee.
Not how I may get within.
- 8.** I am in, already in Thee!
What a place to which I'm brought!
There's no need for prayer or struggling,
God Himself the work has wrought.
- 9.** Since I'm in, why ask to enter;
O how ignorant I've been!
Now with praise and much rejoicing
For Thy Word, I dwell therein.
- 10.** Now in Thee I rest completely,
With myself I gladly part;
Thou art life and Thou art power,
All in all to me Thou art.