

Lord Jesus Christ my sole desire

Longings—For Knowledge of Christ

(Guitar)

The musical score is written for guitar in the key of D major (two sharps) and common time (C). It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody and the lyrics: "1. Lord Je - sus Christ my sole de - sir - e, My heart is fixed, a - lone, on Thee." The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "A - mong ten thou - sand Thou art peer - less; Chie - fest of all art Thou to me." Chords are indicated above the notes: D, A, G, A⁷, D, F#m, Bm, G, D, G, A on the first staff; Bm, D, G, A⁷, D, F#m, Bm, G, D, A⁷, D on the second staff.

2. Thy matchlessness and worth surpassing,
Transcend all else exceedingly.
Oh, how supreme and prepossessing,
Is Thine unrivaled love to me.

3. My life-long quest is just to know Thee
Till more and more subjectively,
I would arrive at the full knowledge,
Of all the excellence of Thee.

4. Since the first day that I beheld Thee
I've longed to know Thee ever more
My heart doth love Thee most supremely
Thy preciousness, Lord, I adore.

5. Lost in Thee, Lord, I gaze intently
Drawn from all else to look away,
Thou, Magnet of my soul, hast charmed me
Far more today than yesterday.

6. I'm captivated by Thy beauty,
Incomp'able Thou art to me.
Counting all things as loss and refuse,
I'd pay the price of gaining Thee.

7. My daily goal and aim—to win Thee,
For this I press on desperately,
Forgetting all that is behind me
And stretching forward earnestly.

8. Toward this goal I'm pressing onward
That I may lay hold of the Prize,
Gain me in full that I may gain Thee
Thy peerlessness to realize.

9. Not I alone; we in the Body
Strive to delve into and explore
The rich dimensions of Thy vastness,
Thine endless wealth and treasure store.

10. When Thou, our Christ, so all-inclusive,
We apprehend, know, and possess
Thine attributes divine, our virtues
Will all Thy fullness thus express.

11. Thine excellency may we know, Lord,
That Thou, Thy home in us, may make
Till we arrive at Thy full knowledge
And, of Thy riches full, partake.