Beneath the cross of Jesus
Glorying in the Cross — The Refuge

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock Within a weary land; A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way, From the burning of the noon-tide heat, And the burden of the day.

2. Oh, safe and happy shelter!
   Oh, refuge tried and sweet!
Oh, trysting place where heaven’s love
   And heaven’s justice meet.
As to the holy patriarch
   That wondrous dream was given,
So is my Savior by the cross
   A ladder up to heaven.

3. There lies beneath its shadow,
But on the farther side,
The darkness of an awful grave
   That gapes both deep and wide;
And there between us stands the cross,
   Two arms outstretched to save,
Like a watchman set to guard the way
   From that eternal grave.

4. Upon that cross of Jesus
   Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One,
   Who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart, with tears,
   Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of His glorious love,
   And my own worthlessness.

5. I take, O cross, thy shadow
   For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
   The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
   To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
   My glory all the cross.