

# Returning to the Lord Himself

Consecration — Returning to the Lord

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(Guitar)

1. Lord, dear - est to my heart, I to Thine arms re -  
turn; All things from Thee a - part can nev - er - more dis -  
turb. When first in love Thou called, my heart to Thee was  
drawn; On si - lent paths we trod, love's cov - e - nant, our bond.

Chord markings: G, Em, D, B7, C, Am, G.

2. I consecrated, then, by mighty love constrained;  
This Thou would'st ne'er forget; 'twas in Thine heart engraved.  
At dawn of youthful days, what lay ahead shined bright;  
The altar should have blazed till day of radiant light.
3. Man's hearts do idols snare, befuddle, captivate;  
They steal them unaware, beguiling them astray.  
But love of youth, I found, called ceaselessly, always;  
How could I let heart's ground uncultivated stay?
4. Though timid, slow my stride, Thou tender yet dost guide,  
My vineyard dost provide, enrapture me with wine.  
Here I respond to Thee, in Achor's Vale, hope's door;  
Thy face unveiled I see, my long-lost Love's restored.
5. I labored long and hard; as "Master" knowing Thee;  
Now Thou my "Husband" art; in love I'm trothed to Thee.  
Dry cisterns I forsake, life's Fount again embrace;  
Love's feast with joy partake, immersed in depths of grace.
6. Dear Lord, I'm wholly Thine: our hearts are twined today;  
I'd live, yet "No more I," be one with Thee for aye.  
One space for Thee and me, so loving, intimate,  
I'd disappear in Thee, fore'er inseparate.