

Once it was the blessing (New Tune)

Experience of Christ—As Everything

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1. Once it was the bless - ing, Now it is the Lord;
 Once it was the feel - - ing, Now it is His Word;
 Once His gift I want - ed, Now, the Giv - er own;
 Once I sought for heal - ing, Now Him - self a - lone.
Chorus
 (C) All in all for - ev - er, On - ly Christ I'll sing;
 Ev - ery - thing is in Christ, And Christ is ev - ery - thing.

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.