

"To Thee My Heart I Offer"

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1. To Thee my heart I offer,  
O Christ-child sweet and dear;  
Upon Thy love relying,  
Oh, be Thou ever near!  
Take Thou my heart and give me Thine  
And let it be forever mine,  
O Jesus, holy, undefiled,  
My Savior meek and mild.

2. My heart within is glowing,  
O Christ-child sweet and dear.  
I love Thee, Lord and Savior;  
Oh, be Thou ever near!  
I see Thee in a manger laid,  
Near cattle resting unafraid;  
I see Thy deep humility  
And lowly bow to Thee.

3. What brought Thee to the manger,  
O Christ-child sweet and dear?  
Thy love for me, a stranger, --  
Oh, be Thou ever near!  
O Lord, how great is this Thy love  
That reaches down from heaven above,  
Thy love for us, by sin defiled,  
That made Thee, God, a child!

4. With all my heart and being,  
O Christ-child sweet and dear,  
I love Thee, and Thee only;  
Oh, be Thou ever near!  
My heart I in Thy manger lay,  
Let it remain there and for aye  
Draw it to Thee that it may be  
Secure eternally.

5. Let me be Thine forever,  
O Christ-child sweet and dear;  
Uphold me with Thy mercy  
And be Thou ever near.  
From Thee I gladly all receive,  
And what is mine to Thee I give.  
My heart, my soul, and all I own:  
Let these be Thine alone.