

Text: John Wesley 1739
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 nach Johann Scheffler 1657
 "Ich will Dich lieben, meine Stärke"
 Melodie: Johann Balthasar
 König 1738

Thee will I love, my strength, my tower

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C G/C F/C C G F/A G/H C C G/C F/C C

Melodie: 1. Thee will I love, my strength, my to - wer, Thee will I love, my joy, my crown, Thee will I love with all my po - wer,
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 4. I thank Thee, un - cre - a - ted sun ; that Thy bright beams on me have shined. I thank Thee, who hast o - ver - thrown foes,
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 6. Give to mine eyes re - fresh-ing tears ; give to my heart chaste, hallowed fires, give to my soul, with fi - lial fears ;
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in all Thy works, and Thee a - lone. Thee will I love, till the pure fire fill my whole soul with desire.
 the on - ly ease in pain! A-shamed, I sigh, and in - ly mourn, that I so late did turn.
 Thy crea-tures more than Thee I loved. And now if more at length I see, 'tis through Thy light from Thee.
 and healed my woun - - ded mind. I thank Thee, whose en-liv' ningoice bids my heart in Thee re - joice.
 still to press for - ward in Thy way. My soul and flesh, o Lord of might, fill, satiate, with Thy heavenly light.
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