LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
in to every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit it;
suddenly return and never,
Take away our bent to sinning;
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee with out ceasing,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
let us find that second rest.
Jesus, we would be always blessing,
changed from glory into glory,
vis it us with thy salvation;
pray and praise thee with out ceasing,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation
Let us all thy life receive;
Let us all in thee inherit it;
never more thy temples leave.
For Jesus has made us glad
for all the hosts above,
and rise in joy for evermore
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1. Giving God, we pause and wonder
2. We could do abundant mission, sharing
3. In each country that was struggling, we could
4. God, we know we cannot pay you for your

happen if we tithed—if we gave our gifts, Cre-
Christ who claims and frees. We could reach out with new
build a thousand schools. We could feed a million
love in Christ your Son. Gifts and tithes are just a

author, hearts and hands all opened wide? We might
vision in creative ministries. No more
orphans and give countless farmers tools. As we
“thank you” ways to pass your blessings on. We have

learn, by gladly sharing, not to trust in things we
bound by limitations of what churches can’t afford.
gladly share your blessings, then the world might want to
learned that, in our sharing, we receive more than we

own, but to risk, it’s part of caring, and to
know: “See! How loving are those Christians! Who’s the
give. By your Spirit, make us daring, in this

trust in you alone.
ways to serve you, Lord.
One who makes them so?”
joyful way to live.

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