

O Ye Tears

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1. O ye tears! O ye tears! that have long re-fus'd to flow, Ye are
2. O ye tears! O ye tears! I am thank - ful that ye run, Tho' ye
3. O ye tears! O ye tears! till I felt ye on my cheek, I was

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wel - come to my heart, thaw - ing, thaw - ing like the snow; The
come from cold and dark ye shall glit - ter in the sun: The
self - ish in my sor - row; I was stub - born, I was weak; Ye have

ice-bound cloud has yield-ed, and the ear - ly snow-drops spring, And the
rain - bow can - not cheer us if the show'rs re - fuse to fall, And the
giv'n me strength to con-quer, and I stand e - rect and free, And

heal - ing foun-tains gush, and the wil - der-ness shall sing.
 eyes that can - not weep are the sad - dest eyes of all.
 know that I am hu - man, by the light of sym - pa - thy.

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4 O ye tears! O ye tears! ye relieve me of my pain,
 The barren rock of pride has been stricken once again;
 Like the rock that Moses smote amid Horeb's burning sand,
 It yields the flowing water, to make gladness in the land.
 O ye tears! O ye tears!

5 There is light upon my path! there is sunshine in my heart,
 And the leaf and fruit of life shall not utterly depart;
 Ye restore to me the freshness and the bloom of long ago,
 O ye tears! O happy tears! I am thankful that ye flow.
 O ye tears! happy tears!