

Bend Beneath Abyss



D C G
O GOD, thou bottomless Abyss!
D F C
Thee to perfection who can know?
D C G
O height immense, what words suffice
F C
Thy countless attributes to show?
A7 Em
Unfathomable depths thou art;
A7 G D
O plunge me in thy mercy's sea!
A7 Em
Void of true wisdom is my heart;
C D
With love embrace and cover me:

G C Em D
While thee, all-infinite, I set
G C Em D
By faith before my ravished eye,
G C Em D
My weakness bends beneath the weight;
C D
O'erpowered I sink, I faint, I die.

[G C Em D]

Eternity thy fountain was,
Which, like thee, no beginning knew;
Thou wast ere time began his race,
Ere glowed with stars the ethereal blue.
Greatness unspeakable is thine,
Greatness, whose undiminished ray,
When short-lived worlds
Are lost, shall shine,
When earth and heaven are fled away.

Unchangeable, all-perfect Lord,
Essential life's unbounded sea,
What lives and moves, lives by thy word;
It lives, and moves, and is from thee.
Thy parent-hand, thy forming skill,
Firm fixed this universal chain;
Else empty, barren darkness still
Had held his unmolested reign.

In light thou dwell'st; light that no shade,
No variation, ever knew;
Heaven earth and hell stand all displayed,
And open to thy piercing view.
What our dim eye could never see,
Is plain and naked to thy sight;
What thickest darkness veils, to thee
Shines clearly as the morning light.