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Lord, it belongs not to my care
Whether I die or live;
To love and serve Thee is my share,
And this Thy grace must give.

If life be long, I will be glad,
That I may long obey;
If short, yet why should I be sad
To welcome endless day?

Christ leads me through no darker rooms
Than He went through before;
He that unto God's kingdom comes
Must enter by this door.

Come, Lord, when grace hath made me meet
Thy blessed face to see;
For if Thy work on earth be sweet
What will Thy glory be!

Then I shall end my sad complaints
And weary sinful days,
And join with the triumphant saints
That sing my Savior's praise.

My knowledge of that life is small,
The eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
And I shall be with Him.





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Baxter, an English Puritan continues to have an impact on the church through his writings including: *The Reformed Pastor* and *The Saints' Everlasting Rest*. As a pastor, he developed an intentional approach to discipleship and pastoral care that the Lord used to bring renewal to the churches and communities in which he served. Toward the end of his life he was imprisoned as a "Nonconformist" for not adhering to certain Anglican beliefs regarding *The Book of Common Prayer* and other matters. His faith in Jesus Christ regardless of the trials of life is reflected in this poem.