Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun Hymnal 1982 no. 140

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Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun,

which is my sin, though it were done before?

Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run,

and do run still, though still I do deplore?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done,

for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won

others to sin, and made my sin their door?

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun

a year or two, but wallowed in a score?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done,

for I have more.

I have a sin of fear that when I’ve spun

my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;

swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son

shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.

And having done that, thou hast done,

I fear no more.

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