

AMNS 65 My God, I love thee; not because

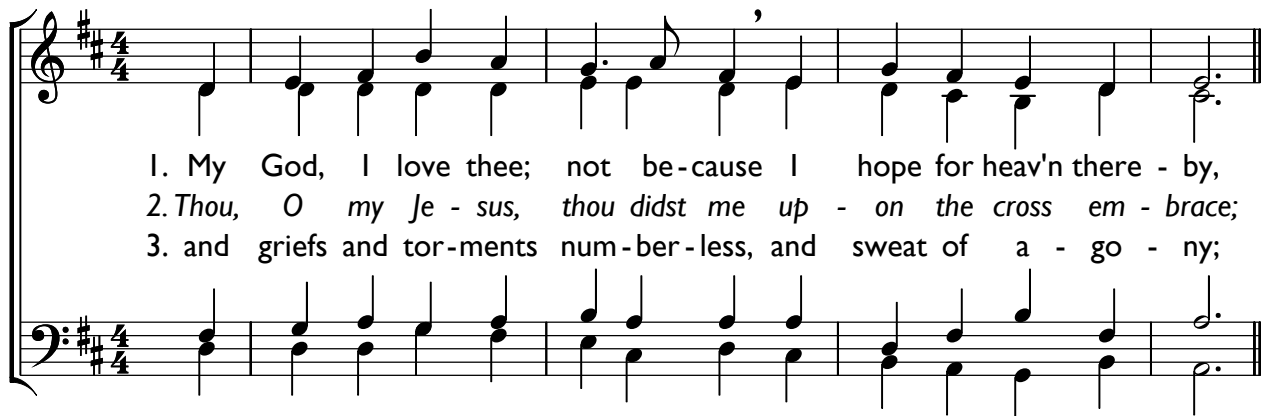
Latin, 17th cent.,

Melody: St. Francis Xavier

John Stainer

tr. E. Caswall (1814-1878)

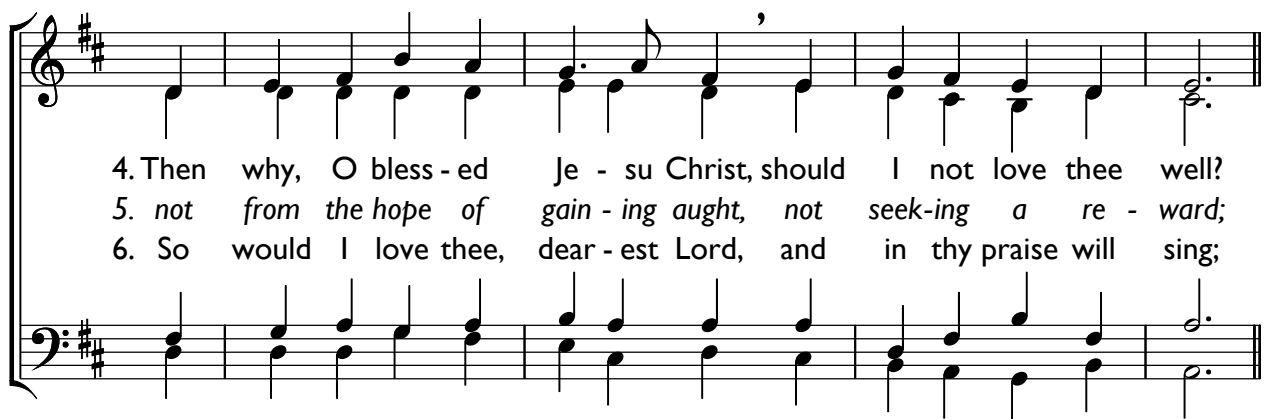
(1840-1901)



1. My God, I love thee; not be-cause I hope for heav'n there - by,
2. Thou, O my Je - sus, thou didst me up - on the cross em - brace;
3. and griefs and tor-ments num-ber-less, and sweat of a - go - ny;



nor yet be-cause who love thee not are lost e - ter-nal - ly.
for me didst bear the nails and spear, and ma - ni - fold dis - grace,
yea, death it - self - and all for me who was thine e - ne - my.



4. Then why, O bless - ed Je - su Christ, should I not love thee well?
5. not from the hope of gain - ing aught, not seek - ing a re - ward;
6. So would I love thee, dear - est Lord, and in thy praise will sing;



not for the sake of win - ning heav'n, nor of es - cap - ing hell;
but as thy - self hast lov - ed me, O ev - er - lov - ing Lord.
sole - ly be-cause thou art my God, and my most lov - ing King.