

If God Himself Be For Me

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1. If God Him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2. This I be - lieve, yea, rath - er Of this I make my boast,
3. *I build on this foun - da - tion, That Je - sus and His blood*
4. He can - cled my of - fens - es, De - liv - ered me from death;
5. Though earth be rent a - sun - der, Thou'rt mine e - tern - al - ly;

For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed fly.
That God is my dear Fa - ther, The Friend who loves me most,
A - lone are the my sal - va - tion, The true, e - ter - nal good.
He is the Lord who cleans - es The soul from sin through faith.
Not fire nor sword nor thund - er Shall sev - er me from Thee;

If Christ, my Head and Mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,
And that, what - e'er be - tide me, My Sav - ior is at hand
With - out Him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less on earth;
In Him I can be cheer - ful, Bold, and un - daunt - ed aye;
Not hung - er, thirst, nor dan - ger, not pain nor pov - er - ty

What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from His love?
Thro' storm - y seas to guide me And bring me safe to land.
The gifts I owe to Je - sus A - lone my love are worth.
In Him I am not fear - ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.
Nor mighty - y - princ - es ang - er shall ev - er hind - er me.