

Christian Hope

Transcribed from *Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1835.
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Probably a Folk Hymn
C Major Joseph Funk, 1835

Joseph Steward, 1799

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Tr.
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B.

1. My soul would fain indulge a hope To reach the heavenly shore; And when I drop this dying flesh, That I shall sin no more. That
2. That then I shall behold the Lamb, Who once for sin was slain, But rose triumphing o'er the grave, And on his throne doth reign. And

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1. I shall sin no more, That I shall sin no more, And when I drop this dying flesh, That I shall sin no more.
2. on his throne doth reign, And on his throne doth reign, But rose triumphing o'er the grave, And on his throne doth reign.

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3. I hope to hear and join the song, That saints and angels raise,
And while eternal ages roll,
To sing eternal praise.

4. But O, this dreadful heart of sin,
It may deceive me still,
And while I look for joys above,
May plunge me down to hell.

5. The scene must then forever close,
Probation at an end,
No gospel grace can reach me there,
No pardon there descend.

6. Come then, O blessed Jesus, come,
To me thy spirit give:
Shine through a dark, benighted soul,
And bid a sinner live.

Edited by B. C. Johnston, 2023. 1. *Fermata* removed from measures 9, 11, and 13. 2. New *Alto* part written.