

Thou Sweet Beloved Will of God

GERMANY

1. Thou sweet be - lov - ed will of God, my an - chor
 2. O will, that will - est good a - lone, lead thou the
 3. God's will doth make the bit - ter sweet, and all is
 4. Self, sense, and rea - son, they may scorn that hid - den

ground, my for - tress hill, my spir - it's si - lent
 way, thou guid - est best; a lit - tle child, I
 well when it is done; un - less His will doth
 way that leads on high— still be my deep - est

fair a - bode, in thee I hide me and am still.
 fol - low on, and trust - ing, lean up - on thy breast.
 hal - low it, the glo - ry of all joy is gone.
 will up - torn, and so the pow'r of na - ture die.

5. And if in gloom I see thee not,
 I lean upon thy love unknown—
 in me thy blesséd will is wrought,
 if I will nothing of my own.

6. O spirit of a little child,
 of will bereft, untroubled, pure,
 I seek thy glory undefiled;
 Lord, take my will, Thy love is sure.

7. O will of God, my soul's desire,
 my bread of life in want and pain;
 O will of God, my guiding fire,
 unite my will to thine again.

8. O will, in me thy work be done,
 for time, and for eternity—
 give joy or sorrow, all are one
 to that blest soul that loveth thee.

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