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# Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

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1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,  
Thanks for mercies past receive;  
Pardon all, their faults confessing;  
Time that's lost may all retrieve;  
May Thy children  
Ne'er again Thy Spirit grieve.

2. Bless Thou all our days of leisure;  
Help us selfish lures to flee;  
Sanctify our every pleasure;  
Pure and blameless may it be;  
May our gladness  
Draw us evermore to Thee.

3. By Thy kindly influence cherish  
All the good we here have gained;  
May all taint of evil perish  
By Thy mightier power restrained;  
Seek we ever  
Knowledge pure and love unfeigned.

4. Let Thy father-hand be shielding  
All who here shall meet no more;  
May their seed-time past be yielding  
Year by year a richer store;  
Those returning,  
Make more faithful than before.