

I ASKED THE LORD

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Traditional

D G Gmaj7 Cmaj7/G Am G/B C G C/G G D/F#

1. I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and
 2. 'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, and He I
 3. *I hoped that* in some fa - vored hour at once He'd
 4. In - stead of this He made me feel the hid - den
 5. *Yea more with His* own hand He seemed in - tent to
 6. "Lord, why is this," I, trem - bling, cried? "Wilt Thou pur -
 7. "These in - ward tri - - - als I em - ploy from self and

love trust and ev - 'ry grace, might more of
 an - - - swer has an - swered prayer, but it has
 e - - - vils of my heart and let the
 ag - - - gra - vate my woe, *crossed all the*
 sue Thy worm to death?" "Tis in this
 pride to set thee free, and break Thy

G Am7 G/B Am7 G/B Am/C Em7 Bm/D Cmaj9 Am G/B C

His sal - va - tion know and seek more
 been in such a way as al - most
love's con - strain - ing pow'r sub - due my
 an - - - gry pow'rs of Hell as - sult my
fair de - signs I schemed, hum - bled my
 way," the Lord re - plied, "I an - swer
 schemes of earth - ly joy that thou may'st

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ear - - - nest me - ly His face.
 drove - - - and in to de - spair.
sins and give me rest.
 soul in ev - 'ry part.
heart, and laid me low.
 prayer for grace and faith."
 find thy all in Me."