

## DEAD WORKS

I have served long without strength, without might;  
I have walked long with my darkness in light.  
No longer now can I bear this sad plight.  
O let me work hand in hand with You, Lord.

Long I have prayed only prayers my mind taught,  
Striving to seek without knowing You sought,  
Struggling to cling when already You'd caught.  
O let me talk face to face with You, Lord.

How many times have I failed though I tried?  
How many times have I preached only pride?  
Why must "flesh" live when it's been crucified?  
O let me live side by side with You, Lord.

I have had power, but all of it vain,  
Power and fruit, but none seems to remain.  
I now give all that in turn I may gain:  
O let me think mind in mind with You, Lord.

— *David L. Hatton, 1972*