HELP ME, LORD

O God Almighty, by Your Son And through the Spirit You have won A worthless man of nature wild To be Your servant and Your child.

You changed my lot—I'm rich and free! Divinity inhabits me! But oh, the struggle I now face: A battle's on--I need Your grace!

I know I have Your grace within, And all the force to conquer sin, But oh, how slow I am to grow Or use the gifts that you bestow.

O Christ, please, help me follow through, To walk the paths You've told me to. Help me to die that You might live, To pass along the love You give.

— David L. Hatton, 1972 (revised 12/31/1992)