

THE ONE TRUE FRIEND.

How fully Jesus, our one true Friend, fulfils this condition of friendship. He loveth at all times. A love that is born in adversity outlasts the love that springs up in bright days of sunshine. Such is the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Jesus loved us in His life of poverty and toil in His dark hours of passion and crucifixion, even to the end, in the Blessed Eucharist. He loved us in our dark days of sin and sorrow, of wilfulness and rebellion. He is unchangeable, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. Our inconstancy cannot weaken His love; our indifference cannot quench it. He condescends to call us not servants but friends; but let us note the condition. "You are My friends if ye do the things I command you."

Thou Jesus, my Desired, who draweth me,
Thou hidden Love, who now art loving me;
Thou wounded Love, who once wast dead for me;
Thou sun-crowned Love, who art alive for me;
Thou patient Love who weariest not of me;
Alone of all, Thou weariest not of me;
Oh bear with me till I am lost in Thee,
Oh, bear with me till I am found in Thee,
Oh, bear with me till I see God in Thee.

Value the friendship of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament; sacrifice all others if necessary.
