

**"IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS : FOR THIS  
IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST  
JESUS CONCERNING YOU."**

(I THESS. V. 18.)

"In everything give thanks,"  
My God, is this Thy will?  
Give thanks for disappointments given,  
For prayers unanswer'd still!

Give thanks! in vain I've pray'd  
That I might useful be,  
And by Thy Spirit's helpful aid,  
Bring many souls to Thee.

Give thanks! when in the place  
Of health and usefulness,  
Through sickness Thou hast **paled my face**  
With pain and weariness.

Give thanks! if 'twere Thy will  
*Submission* to demand,  
I then might bid myself be still,  
And bow to Thy command.

But hush, beneath my eye,  
I see in words of blood,  
"Will He who gave His *Son* to die,  
Refuse thee *any good*?"

*Give thanks!* Yea, Lord, I *do*,  
And by Thy help I *will*,  
*Give thanks!* for blessings not receiv'd,  
Although expected still.

Give thanks! for mercies given,  
Unnotic'd oft by me;  
Give thanks! for sins forgiven,  
Known only, Lord, to Thee.