

'O Hope of every contrite heart,
O Joy of all the meek,
To those who fall how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

'But what to those who find? Ah! this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus what it is
None but His loved ones know.'*

Jesus, Thon Joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of Life, Thon Light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again.†

* 'Jesu dulcis memoria
Dans vera cordi gaudia:
Sed super mel et omnia
Ejus dulcis præsentia.

'Jesu spes pœnitentibus,
Quam pius es petentibus,
Quam bonus te quærentibus,
Sed quid invenientibus?

'Nec lingua valet dicere,
Nec litera exprimere:
Expertus potest credere
Quid sit Jesum diligere.'

† 'Jesu dulcedo cordium,
Fons vivus, lumen mentium,
Excedens omne gaudium,
Et omne desiderium.