

The fourth part of the chorus is temperance. This is self-government in limiting our joys and resisting the temptations to the allurements of the world. Temperance founded on faith in Christ is a grace of the Christian life which brings music into the heart and makes every action a thing of beauty. Self-control limits the joys of life and brings all into harmony with the divine will. Christian temperance raises a barrier to all the allurements of the world, and says to each and all of them, "Thus far shalt thou come and no farther." The Holy Spirit plants the root of self-government in the heart, which grows into a tree laden with precious fruits, in holy desires and impulses, loving words and saintly deeds. Self-control takes up the song which faith began at the Cross, and sends the music down through the life, until every word and act is a stanza and the song is heard in heaven.

The fifth part of the chorus is patience. Christian patience is determined endurance in suffering by which the character is made strong. This is heard in the song of the martyrs as they perish at the stake for their loyalty to Christ and defence of the principles and faith of the gospel. This is seen in the sweet submission to the will of God by the lonely sufferer on the bed of pain who changes murmurs into songs of content-