

Constance (8.7.8.7.D. Iambic)

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No words are given to the first edition of the tune, but it appears in "Hymn Tunes Composed by Arthur Sullivan", Novello, 1902 as "Who trusts in God". It was associated with the words given here at an earlier date.

1 I've found a Friend; oh, such a Friend!
He loved me ere I knew Him!
He drew me with the cords of love,
And thus He bound me to Him:
And round my heart still closely twine
Those ties which nought can sever;
For I am His, and He is mine,
For ever and for ever.

2 I've found a Friend; oh, such a Friend!
He bled, He died to save me;
And not alone the gift of life,
But His own self He gave me.
Nought that I have my own I call,
I hold it for the Giver:
My heart, my strength, my life, my all,
Are His and His for ever.

3 I've found a Friend; oh, such a Friend!
All power to Him is given,
To guard me on my onward course
And bring me safe to heaven.
Eternal glories gleam afar,
To nerve my faint endeavour;
So now to watch, to work, to war,
And then to rest for ever.

4 I've found a Friend; oh, such a Friend!
So kind and true and tender,
So wise a Counsellor and Guide,
So mighty a Defender.
From Him, Who loves me now so well,
What power my soul can sever?
Shall life or death? or earth or hell?
No! I am His for ever!