59. Bolwell (8.7.8.7.7.7)

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1 Thou to whom the sick and dying
   Ever came, nor came in vain,
   Still with healing words replying
   To the wearied cry of pain,
   Hear us, Jesu, as we meet,
   Suppliants at Thy mercy-seat.

2 Every care and every sorrow,
   Be it great, or be it small,
   Yesterday, to-day, to-morrow,
   When, where’er it may befall,
   Lay we humbly at Thy feet,
   Suppliants at Thy mercy-seat.

3 Still the weary, sick and dying
   Need a brother’s, sister’s care;
   On Thy higher help relying,
   May we now their burden share,
   Bringing all our offerings meet,
   Suppliants at Thy mercy-seat.

4 May each child of Thine be willing,
   Willing both in hand and heart,
   All the law of love fulfilling,
   Ever comfort to impart,
   Ever bringing offerings meet,
   Suppliants to Thy mercy-seat.

5 So may sickness, sin, and sadness
   To Thy healing power yield,
   Till the sick and sad, in gladness
   Rescued, ransomed, cleansèd, healed,
   One in Thee together meet,
   Pardoned at Thy judgement-seat.

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