O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
   be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.
   I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
   nor wander from the path-way if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
   I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
   my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
   but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
   above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
   speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
   O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
   that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
   And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
   O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

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