Before Elisha's Gate

Doh is D · 4/4 Tune: DARWALL

| d - | m - d - s - m - | d' - - - - - t - |
Be- fore Elisha's gate The

| l - s - f - m - | r - - - - - r - |
Syrian leper stood; But

| m - d - l - s - | fe - r - r' - d' - |
could not brook to wait, He deemed him-

| t - - - l - - - | s - - - - - s - |
self too good: He

| l - - - t - - - | d' - - - - - d - |
thought the prophet

| r - m - f - s - | l - t - d' - r' - |
would attend, And not to him a

| d' - - - t - - - | d' - - - - - |
message send.

The other verses

2 Have I this journey come,
And will he not be seen?
I were as well at home,
Would washing make me clean:
Why must I wash in Jordan's flood?
Damascus' rivers are as good.

3 Thus by his foolish pride
He almost missed a cure;
Howe'er at length he tried,
And found the method sure:
Soon as his pride was brought to yield,
The leprosy was quickly healed.

4 Leprous and proud as he,
To Jesus thus I came,
From sin to set me free,
When first I heard his fame:
Surely, thought I, my pompous train
Of vows and tears will notice gain.

5 My heart devised the way
Which I supposed he'd take;
And when I found delay,
Was ready to go back:
Had he some painful task enjoined,
I to performance seemed inclined.

6 When by his word he spake,
That fountain opened see;
'Twas opened for thy sake,
Go wash, and thou art free:"
O! how did my proud heart gainsay,
I feared to trust this simple way.

7 At length I trial made,
When I had much endured;
The message I obeyed,
I washed, and I was cured:
Sinners this healing fountain try,
Which cleansed a wretch so vile as I.

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