Where’er I Go, Whate’er My Task

Doh is G · 4/4 Tune: HOLY MATRIMONY

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  Wher-  e’er I go, what-   e’er my task, The
| l, - l, - s, - d - | t, - d - r - r - |
  counsel of my        God I ask, Who
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  ruleth all things    right; Un-
| t, - - d r - f - | m - d - r - l, - |
  less He give both    thought and deed, The
| t, - - r f - m - | d - m - r - f - |
  utmost pains can     ne’er succeed, And
| m - l, - t, - t, - | d - - - - - |
  vain must be man’s   might.
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The other verses

2 For what can all my toil avail?
My care, my watching,—all must fail
Unless my God is there.
Then let Him order all for me
As in His will He shall decree;
On Him I cast my care.

3 For naught can come, as naught has been,
But what my Father has foreseen
And what shall work my good.
Whate’er He gives me I will take,
Whate’er He chooses I will make
My choice with thankful mood.

4 I lean upon His mighty arm,
Which shieldeth me from every harm
And all calamity.
If in His precepts I shall live,
Whate’er is useful He will give;
And naught can injure me.

5 But only may He of His grace
The record of my guilt efface
And wipe out all my debt;
Though I have sinned, He will not straight
Pronounce His judgment, He will wait,
Have patience with me yet.

6 I travel to a distant land
To serve the post wherein I stand,
Which He hath bid me fill;
And He will bless me with His light
That I may serve His world aright
And make me know His will.

7 And though through desert wilds I fare,
Yet Jesus Christ is with me there,
The Lord Himself is near;
In all my dangers He will come,
And He who kept me safe at home
Can keep me safely here.

8 Yes, He will speed me on my way
And point me where to go and stay
And help me still and lead;
Let me in health and safety live
And time and wind and weather give
And whatsoe’er I need.

9 His holy angel being near,
My enemies I need not fear,
For He protects me well;
I owe it to my faithful Guide,
Who never yet hath left my side,
That I in peace may dwell.

10 When late at night my sleep I take,
When early in the morn I wake,
At rest, or on my way,
In hours of weakness or in bonds,
When, vexed with fears, my heart desponds,
God’s Word is e’er my stay.

11 Since, then, my course is traced by Him,
I will not fear that future dim,
But go, whate’er befall,
Well knowing naught awaits me there
Too hard for me through Him to bear;
With Him I’ll conquer all.

12 To Him myself I wholly give,
At His command I die or live,
I trust His love and power;
And if to-morrow or to-day
His summons come, I will obey,
He knows the proper hour.

13 But if it please that Love most kind,
And if this voice within my mind
Be whispering not in vain,
I yet shall praise my God ere long
In many a sweet and joyful song
When in my home again.

14 To those I love will He be near,
With His consoling light appear,
Who is my Shield and theirs;
And He will grant beyond our thought
What they and I alike have sought
With tears and fervent prayers.

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