A Parting Blessing

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1. Jesus, grant us all a blessing, Send it down, Lord, from above; May we all go home a-praising, And rejoicing in thy love.

2. Jesus, pardon all our follies, Since together we have been; Make us humble, make us holy, Cleanse us all from every sin.

3. May thy blessing, Lord, go with us To each one's respective home; And the presence of our Jesus, Rest upon us everyone.

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