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## Souls of men! Why will ye scatter

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1 Souls of men, why will ye scatter  
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will ye wander  
From a love so true and deep?  
Was there ever kinder shepherd  
Half so gentle, half so sweet,  
As the Saviour Who would have us  
Come and gather round His feet?

2 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.

3 For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of man's mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more simple,  
We should take Him at His word;  
And our lives would all be sunshine  
In the sweetness of our Lord.