

This Is Happiness to Me

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Key: E
Song Flow: 1,2,3
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Verse 1:

A Maj7 *B* *C#m*
Tis my happiness below
A Maj7 *B* *E*
Not to live without the cross,
A Maj7 *B* *C#m*
But the Savior's power to know,
A Maj7 *B* *E*
Sanctifying every loss:
E/G# *A* *Bsus4*
Trials must and will befall;
E/G# *A* *Bsus4*
But, with humble faith to see
C#m *B* *A*
Love inscribed upon them all-
E/G# *A Maj7* *B* *C#m*
This is happiness to me.
E/G# *A Maj7* *B* *E*
This is happiness to me.

2

Verse 2:

A Maj7 *B* *C#m*
God in Israel sows the seeds
A Maj7 *B* *E*
Of affliction, pain, and toil;
A Maj7 *B* *C#m*
These spring up and choke the weeds
A Maj7 *B* *E*
Which would else o'erspread the soil:
E/G# *A* *Bsus4*
Trials make the promise sweet;
E/G# *A* *Bsus4*
Trials give new life to prayer;
C#m *B* *A*
Trials bring me to His feet,
E/G# *A Maj7* *B* *C#m*
Lay me low and keep me there.
E/G# *A Maj7* *B* *E*
This is happiness to me.

3

Verse 3:

A Maj7 *B* *C#m*
Did I meet no trials here,
A Maj7 *B* *E*
No chastisement by the way,
A Maj7 *B* *C#m*
Might I not, with reason, fear
A Maj7 *B* *E*
I should prove a castaway?
E/G# *A* *Bsus4*
Bastards may escape the rod,
E/G# *A* *Bsus4*
Sunk in earthly vain delight;
C#m *B* *A*
But the true-born child of God
E/G# *A Maj7* *B* *C#m*
Must not, would not if he might.
E/G# *A Maj7* *B* *E*
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