

# **This Is Happiness to Me**

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**1**

## **Verse 1:**

**Tis my happiness below  
Not to live without the cross,  
But the Savior's power to know,  
Sanctifying every loss:  
Trials must and will befall;  
But, with humble faith to see  
Love inscribed upon them all-  
This is happiness to me.  
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**2**

## **Verse 2:**

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

**3**

## **Verse 3:**

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

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