Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

1 Why should cross and trial grieve me? Christ is near
2 When life’s troubles rise to meet me, Though their weight
3 God gives me my days of gladness, And I will
4 Since I know God never fails me, In his voice

With his cheer; Never will he leave me. Who can
May be great, They will not defeat me. God, my
Trust him still When he sends me sadness. God is
I’ll rejoice When grim death assails me. Trusting

rob me of the heaven That God’s Son
loving Savior, sees them; He who knows
good; his love attends me Day by day,
in my Savior’s merit, Safe at last,

For me won When his life was given?
All my woes Knows how best to end them.
Come what may, Guides me and defends me.
Troubles past, I shall heav’n inherit.

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