

O Holy Spirit, Keep Your Children in Your Care **Jonathan Clausing**

- 1 O Holy Spirit, keep your children in your care,
For there's a lion who would all their souls ensnare.
Your sheep are helpless, but for your protecting arm.
Lord, have mercy on your lambs; keep your children safe from harm.

- 2 The battle rages 'tween the Adam and the new.
Your light is challenged, and the dark of flesh creeps through.
Yet you have promised to complete this work begun.
We commend them to your care, to the vict'ry Jesus won.

- 3 The tasks of parents and of teachers quickly end.
We sow the seed, but faith and life on you depend.
O raise a harvest from this seed that has now been sown.
Let their praises rise to you, unto you and you alone.

- 4 O Holy Spirit, keep your children in your care.
We pray not for the things that soon will disappear.
We give you thanks if wealth or happiness you give,
But above all grant them faith, that through Jesus they may live.

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Blest Are We Who Hear God's Word

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- 1 Blest are we who hear God's Word, fount of life and ever giving.
 Sacred verses held most dear, active, sharp and ever living.
 At Christ's feet we gladly learn; for His voice we daily yearn.

- 2 Blest are we who dwell in Christ; grace to us is surely given.
 For our sins He paid the price, giving us His perfect heaven.
 Poor in spirit, sick at heart, healing is our Savior's heart.

- 3 Ceaseless grief may torment us, shrouding us alone in sadness.
 Jesus finds us where we mourn, bringing us His hope and gladness.
 Comfort, comfort, God has shown to console His cherished own.

- 4 Taste and see, the Lord is good, holy blessing without measure.
 Feeds us His own body, blood; dearest Jesus, what a treasure!
 Sins forgiven, forth we go; life and peace is ours to know.

- 5 We were crucified with Christ; now we dwell with Him in meekness.
 All the earth is ours in life, even in our worldly weakness.
 Lord of mercy, love most fair, what great kindness we can share!

- 6 God's own peace is ours to give, even as the world is raging.
 Christ, our Victor over strife, even now our battles waging.
 Death and sin and evil's might; God's own Son has put to flight!

- 7 Blest are we, God's pure in heart, Christ's own righteousness receiving.
 Baptized into Christ we live, in His precious Name believing.
 Suffering saints, we see His face as He holds us in His grace. Amen.

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