

Speed Thy Servants

1. Speed Thy ser - vants, Sav - ior, speed them; Thou art Lord of winds and waves;  
 2. Friends, and home, and all for - sak - ing, Lord they go at Thy com - mand;  
 3. When they think of home, now dear - er Than it ev - er seemed be - fore,  
 4. Where no fruit ap - pears to cheer them, And they seem to toil in vain,  
 5. In the midst of op - po - si - tion, Let them trust, O Lord, in Thee;  
 6. There to reap in joy for - ev - er Fruit that grows from seed here sown,

They were bound, but Thou has freed them; Now they go to free the slaves.  
 As their stay Thy pro - mise tak - ing, While they tra - verse sea and land:  
 Bring the pro - mised glo - ry near - er, Let them see that peace - ful shore,  
 Then in mer - cy, Lord, draw near them, Then their sink - ing hopes sus - tain;  
 When suc - cess at - tends their mis - sion, Let Thy ser - vants hum - bler be;  
 There to be with Him who ne - ver Cea - ses to pre - serve His own,

Be Thou with them! Be thou with them! 'Tis Thine arm a - lone that saves.  
 O be with them! O be with them! Lead them safe - ly by the hand.  
 Where Thy peo - ple, Where Thy peo - ple Rest from toil and weep no more.  
 Thus sup - port - ed, Thus sup - port - ed, Let their zeal re - vive a - gain.  
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