

## Sweetest Jesus, king of bliss

*an anonymous medieval devotional poem (13th-14th century)*

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Sweetest Jesus, king of bliss,  
My heart's delight, love of my heart,  
I know how very sweet thou art;  
'Tis woe for him that thee shall miss.

Sweetest Jesus, my heart's light,  
Thou art day without the night,  
Give me thou strength and also might  
For to love thee, Lord, aright.

Sweetest Jesus, my soul's cure,  
Set thou in my heart a root  
Of thy love, the sweetest shoot;  
So it might grow, please guard it sure.