

Fairest Lord Jesus

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Fairest Lord Jesus!

Ruler of all nature!

O Thou of God and man the Son!

Thee will I cherish,

Thee will I honor,

Thou! my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Fair are the meadows,

Fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer,

Jesus is purer

Who makes the woful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,

Fairer still the moonlight,

And the twinkling starry host;

Jesus shines brighter,

Jesus shines purer

Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Saviour!

Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of man!

Glory and honor,

praise, adoration,

Now and for evermore be Thine!

Text (Willis, st. 1-3): Richard Storrs Willis, *Church Chorals and Choir Studies* (New York, 1850)

Text (Seiss, st. 4): *Sunday-School Book, without music, for the use of Evangelical Lutheran Congregations* (Philadelphia, 1877)