

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (Medley)

Samuel Medley, 1775

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever living Head.

2. He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

3. He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

4. He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

5. He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

6. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly
Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8. He lives, all glory to His Name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

May I share something I discovered while preparing to teach this hymn to the children? I've spent most of my life misunderstanding this hymn! I tell people that I 'live' for chocolate; for a certain singer; for a favorite movie. This text isn't just testifying that Jesus lives, but it is telling us what He lives for – while I'm busy living for chocolate, He's living to bless me, to guide me; to comfort me; to plead on my behalf (while my fingers are all covered with chocolate ...) This text has become all the more special to me now that I finally understand and was able to teach it to the children correctly.