

383 Jesus, the very thought of Thee

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transl. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

John B Dykes (1823-1876)

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1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of Thee
2. O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite heart,
3. What it then means to those who find,
4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy art Thou,

with sweet - ness fills my breast; but sweet - er still Thy
O Joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
no tongue nor pen can show; the love of Je - sus,
as Thou our prize wilt be; Je - sus, be Thou our

face to see, and in Thy pres - ence rest.
kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!
gra - cious, kind, none but His loved ones know.
glo - ry now and through e - ter - ni - ty.