

OPEN, O HARD AND SINFUL HEART!

Text, Angelus Silesius, 1637; melody, 1638.

O - pen, oh hard and sin - ful heart,
Think of His pain and bit - ter part,
God will re - turn to heed you.
Let not more guilt im - pede you.
He who to pe - nance is in - spired,
shall then in truth be li - ving.
The sin - ner's death God ne'er de - sired,
His mer - cy is for - giv - ing.

2. Open your eyes, believe, be wise,
With God there's no pretending. :||
Your sorry soul in danger lies
Of death and pains unending.
Come back, come back, O wayward one.
Shake off the sins that bind you.
Surely God's own almighty Throne
Plentiful grace will find you.

3. Open your heart, your God behold,
With outstretched hands so tender,
On the dread cross in grief untold
His life for you surrender.
A trembling rends the hardest stone,
Sun, moon and stars are darkened.
Are you unsoftened, you alone,
Have you to Him not barked?

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