**O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely**

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1. **O Lord of hosts, how lovely the place where thou dost dwell.**
   Thy tabernacles holy in pleasantness excel.
   My soul is longing, fainting, Jehovah's courts to see;
   My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for thee.
   One day excels a thousand, if spent thy courts within;
   Our sun and shield Jehovah, will grace and glory give;
   5. O Lord of hosts, how lovely the place where thou dost dwell.

2. **Behold the sparrow findeth a house in which to rest,**
   the swallow has discovered where she may build her nest;
   and where, securely sheltered, her young she forth may bring;
   so Lord of hosts, thy altars I seek, my God, my King.
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   Our sun and shield Jehovah, will grace and glory give;
   6. O God of hosts, Jehovah, how blest is ev'ry one
   who confident reposes on thee, O Lord, alone.
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3. **Blest who thy house inhabiteth, they ever give thee praise,**
   till they appear in Zion, before the Lord at length.
   Who pass through Ba-ca's valley, and make in it a well;
   there rains in shower abundant the pools with water fill.
   The face of thy Anointed, behold, O God, our Shield.
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4. **So they from strength unwearied go forward unto strength,**
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   He shall increase, and ye shall not decrease.
   The Lord is my strength, and my rejoicing, he shall increase, and ye shall not decrease.
   Sow in tears, and reap with joy.
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5. **Blest all whom thou dost strengthen, who love the sacred ways,**
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