

“Savior, Breathe an Evening Blessing”

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1. Savior, breathe an evening blessing
Ere repose our spirits seal,
Sin and want we come confessing;
Thou canst save, and Thou canst heal.

2. Though destruction walk around us,
Though the arrows past us fly,
Angel guards from Thee surround us;
We are safe if Thou art nigh.

3. Though the night be dark and dreary,
Darkness cannot hide from Thee;
Thou art He who, never weary,
Watcheth where Thy people be.

4. Should swift death this night o’ertake us
And our couch become our tomb,
May the morn in heaven awake us,
Clad in light and deathless bloom.

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