

“Sweet the Moments, Rich in  
Blessing “

by Walter Shirley, 1725-1786

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*The Lutheran Hymnal*

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1. Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,  
Which before the cross we spend,  
Life and health and peace possessing  
From the sinner's dying Friend.

2. Here we rest in wonder, viewing  
All our sins on Jesus laid;  
Here we see redemption flowing  
From the sacrifice He made.

3. Here we find the dawn of heaven  
While upon the cross we gaze,  
See our trespasses forgiven,  
And our songs of triumph raise.

4. Oh, that, near the cross abiding,  
We may to the Savior cleave,  
Naught with Him our hearts dividing,  
All for Him content to leave!

5. Lord, in loving contemplation  
Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee  
Till we taste Thy full salvation  
And we unveiled glory see.

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