

THE PRAYER PERFECT

VERSE BY

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

MUSIC BY

ALEXANDER RUSSELL

HIGH VOICE

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LOW VOICE

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Dear Lord, Kind Lord,
Gracious Lord I pray
Thou wilt look on all I love
Tenderly today.

Free their hearts of weariness,
Scatter ev'ry care,
Down awake of angel wings
Winnowing the air!

Bring unto the sorrowing
All release from pain,
Let the lips of laughter
Over-flow again.

And with all the needy
O divide I pray
This vast treasure of content
That is mine today!

—*James Whitcomb Riley.*

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High Voice



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Andante Religioso

Dear Lord, kind Lord, Gra - cious Lord I pray

Thou wilt look on all I love Ten - der - ly to - day

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Free their hearts of wear - i - ness Scat - ter ev - 'ry care

Down a wake of an - gel wings Win - now - ing the air!

Bring un - to the sor - row - ing All re - lease from pain

Let the lips of laugh - ter O - ver - flow a - gain

p cresc. et accel. *mf*

And with all the need - y O di - vide I pray — This

p cresc. et accel.

mf *allargando* *cresc. molto*

vast treas - ure of con - tent — That is mine — to -

mf

Slowly p

day! — This treas - ure

ff *dim. e rit.* *Slowly p*

dim. e rit. *molto rit.* *pp*

of con - tent O di - vide I pray! —

pp