

# Dear Lord, Accept a Sinful Heart

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Song Flow: 1,2,3,E  
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**1** Verse 1:  
Dear Lord, accept a sinful heart  
Which of itself complains,  
For though new life You did impart,  
Such wickedness remains.  
There fiery seeds of anger lurk,  
Impossible to tame,  
And wait but for the tempter's work  
To fan them to a flame.

**2** Verse 2:  
Legality holds out a bribe  
To purchase leniency  
And, shunned by grace, would then prescribe  
How You should deal with me.  
While unbelief withstands Your grace  
And puts Your mercy by,  
Presumption, with a brow of brass,  
Says "give me, or I die."

**3** Verse 3:  
Though I am thus inclined to roam,  
Christ died for all my sin  
And calls my wand'ring spirit home  
To make me more like Him.  
So even in my darkest hour  
I know that I am loved;  
This grace alone has lasting pow'r  
To change me from above.

**E** Ending:

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