

Joseph Smith's First Prayer

Hymn # 26 for Organ

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1. Oh, how love-ly was the morn-ing! Ra-diant beamed the sun a-bove.
2. Hum-bly kneel-ing sweet ap-peal-ing - 'Twas the boy's first ut-tered prayer,
3. Sud-den-ly a light de-scend-ed, Bright-er far than noon-day sun,
4. 'Jo-seph, this is my be-lov-ed; Hear him!' Oh, how sweet the word!

Bees were hum-ming sweet bird sing-ing, Mu-sic ring-ing thru the grove,
When the pow'rs of sin as-sail-ing Filled his soul with deep de-spair;
And a shin-ing glo-rious pil-lar O'er him fell a-round him shown,
Jo-seph's hum-ble prayer was an-swered and he list-en-ed to the Lord.

When with - in the shad-y wood-land Jo-seph sought the God of love,
But un-daunt-ed still he trust-ed In his Heav'n-ly Fa-ther's care,
While ap-peared two heav'n-ly be-ings, God the Fa-ther and the Son,
Oh, what rap-ture filled his bo-som, For he saw the liv-ing God, God,

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James 1:5