

# Joseph Smith's First Prayer

Text: George Manwaring, 1854-1889  
Joseph Smith History 1:14-20, 25  
James 1:5

## Hymn # 26 for Organ

Music: Sylvanus Billings Pond, 1792-1871;  
adapted by A.C. Smyth, 1840-1909

With dignity ♩ = 88

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!

5 *pedal*

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.

10 *pedal*

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,

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