

The Very Friend I Need

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1. When I'm sad and hea - vy la - den, Bur - dened with the weight of sin,
2. When I'm strugg - ling with temp - ta - tion, When my strength shall al - most fail,
3. When I drink the cup of sor - row, When I tread the path of grief,
4. When I reach the si - lent ri - ver, When I wait be - side the tide,

Je - sus is the ve - ry friend I need; To the blood - stained cross He points me, And He
Je - sus is the ve - ry friend I need; For His arm will bring de - liv - erance, And His
Je - sus is the ve - ry friend I need; In His Word is con - so - la - tion, In His
Je - sus is the ve - ry friend I need; He will bear me o'er the bil - lows To the

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gives me peace with-in, Je - sus is the ve - ry friend I need.
grace will still pre - vail, Je - sus is the ve - ry friend I need. O, He is the best of friends, For His
pre - sence sweet re - lief, Je - sus is the ve - ry friend I need.
ra - diant morn - ing side, Je - sus is the ve - ry friend I need.

good - ness ne - ver ends, And His love will ev - ery hu - man thought ex - ceed; Let me

love Him more and more, 'Till I stand on glo - ry's shore; O, Je - sus is the ve - ry friend I need.