

Joseph Smith's First Prayer

With dignity

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- G D D⁷ G
1. Oh, how lovely was the morning! Radiant beamed the sun above.
- D A⁷ D
- Bees were humming, sweet birds singing, Music ringing thru the grove,
- D⁷ G D⁷ G
- When within the shady woodland Joseph sought the God of love,
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2. Humbly kneeling, sweet appealing — 'Twas the boy's first uttered prayer —
When the pow'rs of sin assailing Filled his soul with deep despair;
But undaunted, still he trusted In his Heav'nly Father's care,
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3. Suddenly a light descended, Brighter far than noonday sun,
And a shining glorious pillar O'er him fell, around him shone,
While appeared two heav'nly beings, God the Father and the Son,
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4. "Joseph, this is my Beloved; Hear him!" Oh, how sweet the word!
Joseph's humble prayer was answered, And he listened to the Lord.
Oh, what rapture filled his bosom, For he saw the living God;
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Keyboard accompaniment for this hymn can be found in *Hymns*, no. 26.

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