

Joseph Smith's First Prayer

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1. Oh, how love - ly was the morn - ing! Ra - diant beamed the sun a -

bove. Bees were hum - ming, sweet birds sing - ing, Mu - sic ring - ing thru the

grove, When with - in the shad - y wood - land Jo - seph sought the God of

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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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 In his Heav'nly Father's care.

3. Suddenly a light descended,
 Brighter far than noon-day 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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 God the Father and the Son.

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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 For he saw the living God.

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