

What a friend we have in Jesus

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1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to him in prayer!
Oh what peace we often forfeit,
oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness –
take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
burdened with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield us,
we shall find a solace there.

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