

14. 'Mid scenes of confusion and creature complaints 11s

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THE SAINT'S SWEET HOME (Home, Sweet Home) Henry Bishop, 1829, *The American Vocalist* (1848), p. 293 (melody in the tenor part, second from the bottom)

(One of several sets of words to the popular ballad "Home, Sweet Home")

'Mid scenes of confusion and creature complaints,
How sweet to the soul is communion with saints;
To find at the banquet of mercy there's room,
And feel in the presence of Jesus at home!

Chorus

Home, home, sweet, sweet home;
Prepare me dear Savior, for Heaven, my home.

Sweet hands that unite all the children of peace!
And thrice precious Jesus, whose love cannot cease!
Tho' oft from Thy presence in sadness I roam,
I long to behold Thee in glory at home.

I sigh from this body of sin to be free,
Which hinders my joy and communion with Thee,
Though now my temptations like billows may foam,
All, all will be peace when I'm with Thee at home.

While here in the valley of conflict I stay,
O give me submission, and strength as my day;
In all my afflictions to Thee would I come,
Rejoicing in hope of my glorious home.

Whate'er Thou deniest, O give me Thy grace!
The Spirit's true witness, and smiles of Thy face;
Indulge me with patience to wait at Thy throne,
And find, even now, a sweet foretaste of home.

I long, dearest Lord, in Thy beauties to shine,
No more as an exile in sorrow to pine;
But in Thy fair image arise from the tomb,
With glorified millions to praise Thee, at home.

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Andante.

1. 'Mid scenes of con-fu - sion and creature complaints, How sweet to my soul is com - munion with saints; To find at the banquet of mer-cy there's room,
2. An al - ien from God, and a stran-ger to grace, I wandered thro' earth, its gay pleasures to trace, In the path-way of sin I continued to roam,
3. The pleasures of earth, I have seen fade a-way, They bloom for a sea-son, but soon they de - cay, But pleasures more lasting, in Jesus are giv - en,

2d Ending.

1. And feel in the pres-ence of Je - sus at home.
2. Un - mind-ful, a - las! that it led me from home. Home, home, sweet, sweet home, Pre-pare me, dear Savior, for heaven, my home.
3. Sal - va-tion on earth, and a mansion in heaven. * Re - ceive me dear Sa-rior, to glo - ry, my home.

* To be sung only at the end of the hymn.—See opposite page