

The Tree of Life

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Allegretto Leggiero ♩ = 132

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1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, —
 2. His beau-ty doth all things ex- cel: —
 3. For hap- pi- ness I long have sought, —
 4. I'm wea- ry with my for- mer toil, —
 5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, —

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La - den with fruit and al- ways green: — The trees of na - ture
 by faith I know but ne'er can tell, — The glo - ry which I
 and plea - sure dear - ly I have bought: — I missed of all; but
 here I will sit and rest a- while: — Un - der the sha - dow
 it keeps my dy - ing faith a - live; — Which makes my soul in

cresc.

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fruit-less be — com- pared with Christ the ap- ple tree.
 now can see — in Je - sus Christ the ap- ple tree.
 now I see — 'tis found in Christ the ap- ple tree.
 I will be, — of Je - sus Christ the ap- ple tree.
 haste to be — with Je - sus Christ the ap- ple tree. —

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rall. (last time)
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