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Til a new object struck my sight and stopped my wild career.
I saw one hanging on a tree in agony and blood,
Who fixed His languid eyes on me, as near His cross I stood.

Sure never til my latest breath can I forget that look.
It seemed to charge me with His death, though not a word He spoke.
My conscience felt and owned the guilt. It plunged me in despair.
I saw my sins His blood had spilled, and helped to nail Him there.

The second look He gave which said I freely all forgive.
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I do believe, I now believe that Jesus died for me.
And through His blood, His precious blood, I've been from sin set free.

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