

The Backslider

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. Hos. 14:4



1. { Sad and lone - ly, weak and wea - ry, Down life's rug - ged path I roam; Heart is bleed - ing, soul is
- { Fa - ther, once I dear - ly loved Thee, In the hap - py days of yore, But of love this world has
3. { Here's a with - ered flow'r and fad - ed, Em - blem of my lone - ly heart, Once so full of love and
- { Fa - ther, once my prayers were an - swered, In the hap - py days of yore, When in faith and love I
5. { Life's a bur - den, Lord, with - out Thee, Peace I nev - er - more can know, All this world a sea of
- { Fa - ther, leav - ing all, I seek Thee, Plead once more to be for - giv'n; Wash a - way my sins and



weep - ing, Seek - ing rest and find - ing none;
 du - ty, Now lies crushed by hu - man art;
 trou - ble, All a wil - der - ness of woe;

robbed me, Shall I nev - er love Thee more?
 sought Thee, Wilt Thou nev - er hear me more?
 sor - rows, Fa - ther, give me hope of heav'n.

Refrain



O back - slid - er, there is par - don, Christ will save you from your sin, Fill your yearn - ing heart with



glad - ness, And re - ceive you back a - gain; Come, oh, come, then, to the Sav - ior,



Cast your doubts and fears a - way, Plunge in - to the heal - ing foun - tain, There to save your soul to - day.