

 Alas! When sinners blindly bold, At Zion scoff, and Zion's King, When zeal declines and love grows cold, Is this a day for me to sing?
Time was, when-e'er the saints I met, With joy and praise my bosom glowed; But now, like Eli, sad I sit, And tremble for the ark of God. 4. While thus to grief my soul gave way, To see the work of God decline; Methoughts I heard my Savior say, "Dismiss thy fears, the ark is mine."5. Though for a time I hide my face, Rely upon my love and power; Still wrestle at a throne of grace, And wait for a reviving hour. 6. Take down thy long neglected harp,I've seen thy tears, and heard thy prayer,The winter season has been sharp,But spring shall all its wastes repair.7. Lord, I obey, my hopes revive,Come join with me, ye saints, and sing:Our foes in vain against us strive,For God will help, and healing bring.