



If Thou But Suffer  
God to Guide Thee

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Text: Wer nur der lieben Gott läßt walten; Georg Neumark (1640); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1863), alt.

Tune: Wer nur der lieben Gott läßt walten; Georg Neumark (1640)

Setting: Johann Sebastian Bach (c. 1736); BWV 197.10

S.  
A.




1. If thou but suf - fer God to — guide thee  
2. What can these an - xious cares a - vail thee,


T.  
B.



4



And hope in Him thro' all thy ways, He'll  
These ne - ver - ceas - ing moans and sighs? What



7



give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee, And bear thee  
can it help if thou be - wail thee O'er each dark



10



thro' the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and tri - als



13

chang - ing love Builds on the Rock that naught can move.  
do but press The hea - vier for our\_ bit - ter - ness.

16

3. Be pa - tient and a - wait His\_ lei - sure  
4. God knows full well when times of\_ glad - ness

19

In cheer - ful hope, with heart con - tent To  
Shall be the need - ful thing for thee. When

22

take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's plea - sure And His dis -  
He has tried thy soul with\_ sad - ness And from all

25

cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our in - most  
guile has found thee free, He comes to thee all

28

wants are known To Him who chose us\_ for His own.  
un - a - ware And makes thee own His\_ lov - ing care.

31

5. Nor think a - mid the fier - y\_ tri - al  
6. All are a - like be - fore the\_ High - est,  
7. Sing, pray, and keep His ways un - swerv - ing,

34

That God hath cast thee off un - heard, That  
'Tis eas - y to our God, we know, To  
Per - form thy du - ties faith - ful - ly, And

37

he whose hopes meet no de - ni - al Must sure - ly  
raise thee up, though low thou li - est, To make the  
trust His Word, though un - de - serv - ing, Thou yet shalt

40

be of God pre - ferred. Time pass - es and much  
rich man poor and low. True won - ders still by  
find it true for thee. God nev - er yet for -

43

change doth bring And sets a bound for\_ ev - 'ry - thing.  
Him are wrought Who set - teth up and brings to naught.  
sook at need The soul that trus - ted\_ Him in - deed.