I want a principle within







I want a principle within of watchful, godly fear, A sensibility of sin, a pain to feel it near. I want the first approach to feel of pride or wrong desire, To catch the wandering of my will, and quench the kindling fire.

From Thee that I no more may stray, no more Thy goodness grieve, Grant me the filial awe, I pray, the tender conscience give. Quick as the apple of an eye, O God, my conscience make; Awake my soul when sin is nigh, and keep it still awake.

Almighty God of truth and love, to me Thy power impart; The mountain from my soul remove, the hardness from my heart. O may the least omission pain my reawakened soul, And drive me to that blood again, which makes the wounded whole.

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