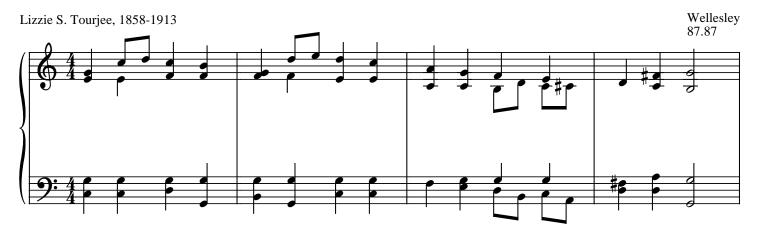
There's a wideness in God's mercy





There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in His justice, Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in Heaven; There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader Than the measure of our mind; And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind. But we make His love too narrow By false limits of our own; And we magnify His strictness With a zeal He will not own.

There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.

If our love were but more simple, We should take Him at His word; And our lives would be all sunshine In the sweetness of our Lord.

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