

Sovereign Ruler of the Skies

"My times are in Your hand" (Psalm 31:15a).

1. Sove-reign Rul - er of the skies! Ev - er gra - cious, ev - er wise!
2. His de - cree, who formed the earth, Fixed my first and se - cond birth;
3. He that formed me in the womb, He shall guide me to the tomb;

All my times are in Thy hand, All e - vents at Thy com - mand.
Par - ents, na - tive place and time, All ap - point - ed were by Him.
All my times shall ev - er be Or - dered by His wise de - cree.

4. Times of sickness, times of health,
Times of penury and wealth;
Times of trials and of grief,
Times of triumph and relief.
5. Times the tempter's power to prove,
Times to taste a Savior's love:
All must come, and last and end,
As shall please my heavenly Friend.
6. Plagues and deaths around me fly,
Till He bids I cannot die:
Not a single shaft can hit
Till the God of love thinks fit.

7. O Thou Gracious, Wise and Just,
In Thy hands my life I trust:
Have I somewhat dearer still?
I resign it to Thy will.
8. May I always own Thy hand
Still to the surrender stand;
Know that Thou art God alone,
I and mine are all Thine own.
9. Thee, at all times, will I bless;
Having Thee, I all possess;
How can I bereaved be,
Since I cannot part with Thee?

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