I Asked the Lord

(To play with CD, Capo I)

1. I asked the Lord that I might grow
   F
In faith and love and every grace
   Am
Might more of His salvation know
   F       G
And seek more earnestly His face
   C

2. Twas He who taught me thus to pray
   F
And He I trust has answered prayer
   Am
But it has been in such a way
   F       G       F   G
As almost drove me to despair

3. I hoped that in some favored hour
   F
At once He'd answer my request
   Am
And by His love's constraining power
   F       G   F   G
Subdue my sins and give me rest

4. Instead of this He made me feel
   F   G   F   G
The hidden evils of my heart
   F   G   F   G
And let the angry powers of Hell
   F   G   F   G
Assault my soul in every part

5. Yea more with His own hand He seemed
   F   G   F   G
Intent to aggravate my woe
   F   G   F   G
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,
   F   G   F   G   F   G
Cast out my feelings, laid me low

6. Lord why is this, I trembling cried
   F   G   F   G   F   G
Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied
"I answer prayer for grace and faith"

7. "These inward trials I employ
   F   G   F   G   F   G
From self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou mayest seek thy all in me, Tag: That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

   F   G   F   G   F   G