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 "Ich will Dich lieben,
 meine Stärke"
 Melodie: Johann Balthasar
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Thee will I love, my strength, my tower

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C F C/E Dm C Gsus7 C D Dsus D G C/E G/D D7 G

Melodie:
Sopran

1. Thee will I love, my strength, my to - wer, Thee will I love, my joy, my crown,
 2. Ah, why did I so late Thee know ; Thee, love-lier than the sons of men!
 3. In dark-ness wil - ling - ly I stra - yed, I sought Thee, yet from Thee I roved.
 4. I thank Thee, un - cre - a - ted sun ; that Thy bright beams on me have shined.
 5. Up - hold me in the doubt-ful race ; nor suf - fer me a - gain to stray.
 6. Give to mine eyes re - fresh-ing tears ; give to my heart chaste, hallowed fires,
 7. Thee will I love, my joy, my crown ; Thee will I love, my Lord, my God.

C F C/E Dm C Gsus7 C D Dsus D G C/E G/D D7 G

Thee will I love with all my po - wer, in all Thy works, and Thee a - lone.
 Ah, why did I no soo - ner go to the on - ly ease I pain!
 Far wide my wan-d'ring thoughts were spread ; Thy crea-tures more than Thee I loved.
 I thank Thee, who hast o - ver - thrown foes and healed my woun - - ded mind.
 Strengthen my feet with stea - dy pace still to press for - ward in Thy way.
 give to my soul, with fi - lial fears ; the love that all Heaven's host in - spires.
 Thee will I love, be - neath Thy frown ; or smile, Thy scep - ter, or Thy rod.

G C Csus G C/A F C/G G7 C

Thee will I love, till the pure fire fill my whole soul with desire.
 A - shamed, I sigh, and in - ly mourn, that I so late did turn.
 And now if more at length I see, 'tis through Thy light from Thee.
 I thank Thee, whose en - liv'ning voice bids my heart in Thee re - joice.
 My soul and flesh, o Lord of might, fill, satiate, with Thy heavenly light.
 That all my powers, with all their might, in Thy glo - ry u - nite.
 What though my flesh and heart de - cay? Thee shall I love e'vry day!