

Not This Time...

To fail and fall is past and now; It stings in heart and head and brow,
I fear to think that it may be; Forever to fail and fall, for me.
I study and Pray thyself approved; Yet this world so brash, unmoved,
It stings my heart, and head, and brow; To fail and fall is past and now.
I stand upright declare to all; I will not stumble, I will not fall,
Not this time will I fail; For my Lord took my nails.
Yet on the morrow did I stumble; Now in heart a mighty rumble,
That yearns me back into The Word; Not this time, I surely heard.
Not this time, O Lord, Not This Time...

Another day, demands begin; I walk this life, forgive my sin,
Declare to self, 'No falls today'; Not this time, I hear me say.
The enemy catches me unaware; I nearly fall, I know not where,
In Praise to Christ, I lift *my* hands; Oh Savior, catch me with *Thy* Hands.
At work, at play, my feet they trod; Within, without, I walk this sod,
Thy Hands have made in Glory Grande; a Saved by Grace simple man.
Declared, I DO, not this time; I will not fall, O Lord, the grime,
Of Life's demands in fullness must; Has my Faith turned to rust?
Not this time, O Lord, Not This Time...

O Lord, My God, forgive my doubt; Battered by 'him', I want to SHOUT!
Greater is He that Lives in Me; In Spirit and Truth, My Soul Set Free.
Even this day, harassed I've been; Not this time, choose willful sin,
My Jesus Christ, My Lord is He; I shall not want, He walks with me.
Yet on the morrow did I stumble; Now in heart a mighty rumble,
Have I not been here before; Knocking at this familiar door.
I turn about, in anger hot; O God, My God, oh let me not,
Fall down this day, another day; I Lift My Hands, I Humbly Pray.
Not this time, O Lord, Not This Time...

I fear to think that it may be; Forever to fail and fall, for me,
For in the struggle to Faithful be, Remember I must, Christ walks with me.
He lifts me up, more times unknown; Than I can number, I'm not alone,
I pledge to self, oh not this time; To fall away, is not sublime.
My promise made, I am renewed; My hope rekindled, deeds still skewed,
My fear to think that it may be; Forever to fail and fall, for me.
O Father, will I ever be; Faithful to Christ, in *all* of me?
The struggle that lives on in me; Has made in me a direst plea,
Not this time, O Lord, Not This Time...

Today a trial, unreal-unknown; How can this be, in Faith I've grown,
Yet standing here, my words of care; I called, 'My God, are you not there?'
My temper flares, my anger burns; Holding tight, to Christ, I yearn,
I shout to self, oh **not** this time; To fall away, I'll not resign.
To God in Christ, To Faithful be; I call the more, have Mercy on me,
For if I fall, this time I know; I may not seek, to further Grow.
O Father, will I **ever** be; Faithful to Christ, in **all** of me?
Just this day I shout my plea; Beyond my Hope, to fully see,
Not this time, O Lord, Not This Time...

The hour is late with moon above; Yet for me Your Promise of Love,
Even in the midst of care; My fear of failure is still **right** there.
A song I hear, *Joseph's Lullaby*; Gives me hope, my Christ is nigh,
I refuse to think that it may be; Forever to fail and fall, for me,
For someday soon I'll homeward fly; Let not my falls Pass You By;
I Am That I Am, O Holy God; Give me wisdom, strength, and Nod,
To understand Life as You give guide; To reach Your Will, Side-by-Side.
That I remember Your Words of Heart; For in those Words, I no more depart,
Not this time, O Lord, Not This Time...

To fail and fall is past and gone; As I no longer walk alone,
It's not that I will fail and fall; It's that in Christ I must stand tall.
Not in **my** own strength and *will*; But God in Christ, it is **His Will**,
Then when I fall flat on my face; I look Up and find His Grace.
To carry me through times of doubt; To hear the Angels Praise of Shout,
Almighty God, and Father to Thee; To fail and fall is not to be.
The end of life, nor shall you stay; Fall on your knees, Boldly Pray,
A sinner I am, by Grace I'll be; Forgiven in Christ, turn from Thee?
Not this time, O Lord, **Not This Time...**

Dedicated to Christians everywhere who struggle, fail, and fall;
Yet, they confess their struggles, failures, and falls; they get up, forgiven,
and Serve God in Christ Jesus!

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