Father, Now Your Sinful Child 779

1 Father, now your sinful child

through your love is reconciled.

By your pard'ning grace I live;

daily still I cry, forgive.

2 Lord, forgive me, day by day,

debts I cannot hope to pay,

duties I have left undone,

evils I have failed to shun.

3 Pardon, Lord, and are there those

who my debtors are, or foes?

I, who by forgiveness live,

here their trespasses forgive.

4 Much forgiven, may I learn

love for hatred to return;

then my heart assured shall be

you, my God, have pardoned me.

TEXT: Josiah Conder (1836), alt.

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