We Give You But Your Own 657

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 in any gifts we bring;

 all that we have is yours alone,

 a trust from you, our King.

 2 May we your bounties thus

 as stewards true receive,

 and gladly, Lord, as you bless us,

 to you our firstfruits give.

 3 To comfort and to bless,

 to find a balm for woe,

 to tend those lost in loneliness

 is angels' work below.

 4 The captive to release,

 the lost to God to bring,

 to teach the way of life and peace --

 it is a Christlike thing.

 5 And we believe your word,

 though dim our faith may be.

 Whate'er we do for you, O Lord,

 we do it gratefully.

TEXT: William W. How (1858), alt.

TUNE: Mason and Webb, Cantica Laudis (1850)

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