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Jesu dulcis memoria

Hymn
I.

J Esu dulcis memóri-a, Dans vera cordis gáudi-a
Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast,

Sed super mel et ómnia, Ejus dulcis præsén-ti-a
But sweeter far Thy face to see And in Thy presence rest.

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| 2. Nil cánitur suávius,
Nil audítur jucúndius,
Nil cogitátur dúcarius,
Quam Jesus Dei Fílius. | 2. <i>No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
 Nor can the memory find,
 A sweeter sound than Thy blest Name,
 O Saviour of mankind.</i> |
| 3. Jesu spes pæniténtibus,
Quam pius es peténtibus!
Quam bonus te quærénti-
bus!
Sed quid inveniéntibus? | 3. <i>O hope of every contrite heart,
 O joy of all the meek,
 To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
 How good to those who seek.</i> |
| 4. Nec lingua valet dícere,
Nec líttera exprímere:
Expértus potest crédere,
Quid sit Jesum dilígere. | 4. <i>But what to those that find? Ah! this
 No tongue nor pen can show;
 The love of Jesus, what it is,
 None but His loved ones know.</i> |
| 5. Sis Jesu nostrum gáudium,
Qui es futúrus præmium:
Sit nostra in te glória,
Per cuncta semper sǽcula.

Amen. | 5. <i>Jesu, our only joy be Thou,
 As Thou our prize wilt be,
 Jesu, be Thou our glory now,
 And through eternity.

 Amen.</i> |

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