

What Are We For?

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1. Why have we lips, if not to sing The prais - es of our heav'n - ly king?
2. Why were our cur - ious bo - dies made, And ev - ery part in or - der laid?
3. Why have we souls, if not to know The God from whom our mer - cies flow?
4. Why have we life? If not to gain Im - mor - tal life, 'tis worse than vain;
5. Why did the Sav - ior leave the sky, Hang on a cross, and bleed and die?
6. Sure - ly it is— that robed in white And made well - pleas - ing in His sight,

Why have we hearts, if not to love, Our Fa - ther and our friend a - bove?
Why, but that each of us might stand A liv - ing won - der from His hand?
Sure this can ne - ver be our lot, Like sense - less brutes, to know Him not!
This is the end for which 'twas giv'n— We live on earth, to live in Heav'n.
And why are kind per - sua - sions sent To call and win us to re - pent?
Our souls may join the hap - py throng, And sing the ev - er - last - ing song.

Refrain

What are we for? What are we for? What are we for? What are we for, but to

serve the Lord, With ev - ery deed, and thought and word?