

Gracious Father, Guard Thy Children

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1. Gra - cious Fa - ther, guard Thy chil - dren From the foe's de - struc - tive power;
 2. We are in the time of wait - ing; Soon we shall be - hold our Lord,
 3. With what joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion Shall the saints Thy ban - ner see,



Save, O save them, Lord, from fall - ing In this dark and try - ing hour.
 Waft - ed far a - way from sor - row, To re - ceive our rich re - ward.
 When the Lord for whom we've wait - ed Shall pro - claim the ju - bi - lee!



Thou wilt sure - ly prove Thy peo - ple, All our grac - es must be tried;
 Keep us, Lord, till Thine ap - pear - ing, Pure, un - spot - ted from the world;
 Free - dom from this world's pol - lu - tions; Free - dom from all sin and pain;



But Thy word il - lumes our path - way, And in God we still con - fide.
 Let Thy Ho - ly Spir - it cheer us Till Thy ban - ner is un - furled.
 Free - dom from the wiles of Sa - tan, And from death's de - struc - tive reign.

