

$\text{♩} = 113$  "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Gen. 32. 26 J. Newton

1. Lord, I can - not let thee go, Till a bless - ing thou be - stow;  
 2. [Dost thou ask me who I am? Ah, my Lord, thou know'st my name;  
 3. Thou didst once a wretch be - hold, In re - bel - lion blind - ly bold;  
 4. Once a sin - ner near des - pair Sought thy mer - cy - seat by prayer;

Do not tum a - way thy face; Mine's an ur - gent, press - ing case.  
 Yet the ques - tion gives a plea, To sup - port my suit with thee.]  
 Scorn thy grace; thy pow'r de - fy; That poor re - bel, Lord, was I.  
 Mer - cy heard and set him free; Lord, that mer - cy came to me.

5. Many days have passed since then;  
 Many changes I have seen;  
 Yet have been upheld till now;  
 Who could hold me up but thou?

6. Thou hast helped in every need;  
 This emboldens me to plead;  
 After so much mercy past,  
 Canst thou let me sink at last?

7. No; I must maintain my hold;  
 'Tis thy goodness makes me bold;  
 I can no denial take,  
 When I plead for Jesus' sake.