

A father's honor

God sets a father over his children
Grieve him not as long as he lives
Whoever honors him, God forgives
Their kindness is not forgotten

Fathers do not provoke your children
Husbands love your wives
A true father hears their cries
Herein lies the strength of men

So put on Christ, God's chosen ones
Wear His yoke of righteousness
Bear all things with gentleness
Beloved daughters and sons

For if we love one another
The Father's love, bestow
Our Father's sacrifice we show
Like Jesus Christ our brother

When in sin our world grows dim
May this honor shine through him

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Cf. Sir. 3:2-6, 12-14; Col. 3:12-21
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
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