GHS 239 — One There is Above All Others

1 One there is, above all others, well deserves the name of Friend; his is love beyond a brother's, costly, free, and knows no end. They who once his kindness prove find it everlasting love.

2 Which of all our friends, to save us, could or would have shed his blood? But our Jesus died to have us reconciled in him to God. This was boundless love indeed; Jesus is a Friend in need.

3 When he lived on earth abased, "Friend of sinners" was his name.
Now above all glory raised, he rejoices in the same; still he calls them brethren, friends, and to all their wants attends.

4 0 for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;
we, alas! forget too often
what a Friend we have above:
but when home our souls are brought,
we will love you as we ought.