

If I Can Speak in Tongues of Fire (Minterbrook)

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If I can speak in tongues of fire, Yet fail to do what love re - quires, I'm noth - ing
His heav'n ly gifts God gives to me So Christ's per - fect - ed love I'd see And know and
I see in part like child - ren here, A poor re - flec - tion in a mirror; Yet in my

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though high moun - tains mve. I'm noth - ing with - out per - fect love. I'm noth - ing if I try to
speak and serve and give And like my ho - ly Bride groom live. In faith and hope, love per - se
heart I long to find Love more by Je - sus' love re - fined. A - bove I'll know, as Christ has

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hide Re - sent - ment, en - vy, selfish pride. I'm noth - ing
veres, No ang - er and no rude - ness hears; Such lov - ing
known How vast his love for sin - ners shown! With eyes un -

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though high myst' ries find If I'm not pa - tient, hum - ble, kind.
kind - ness ful - ly blessed Gives fore - taste of e - ter - nal rest.
dimmed I'll end my race And gaze on Je - sus face to face!

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*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels,
but have not love... I am nothing... (1 Corinthians 13)*

If I can speak in tongues of fire
Yet fail to do what love requires,
I'm nothing—though high mountains move—
I'm nothing without perfect love.

I'm nothing if I try to hide
Resentment, envy, selfish pride.
I'm nothing—though high myst'ries find—
If I'm not patient, humble, kind.

His heav'nly gifts God gives to me
So Christ's perfected love I'd see
And know—and speak, and serve and give—
And like my holy Bridegroom live.

In faith and hope, love perseveres,
No anger and no rudeness hears;
Such lovingkindness—fully blessed—
Gives foretastes of eternal rest.

I see in part like children here,
A poor reflection in a mirror;
Yet in my heart I long to find
Love more by Jesus' love refined.

Above I'll know, as Christ has known,
How vast his love for sinners shown!
With eyes undimmed I'll end my race
And gaze on Jesus face to face!