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Like as a Father

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1. Like as a fa - ther pit - ies his child,
 2. Like as a fa - ther when we be - lieve,
 3. Like as a fa - ther, ev - er the same,
 4. Like as a fa - ther, con - stant is He,

So the Lord pit - ies the sin - ner de - filed;
 Mer - ci - ful still, He will glad - ly re - ceive;
 He hath cre - at - ed, and know - eth our frame;
 God in com - pas - sion re - gard - eth our plea;

Wait - eth in kind - ness, Pit - ies our blind - ness,
 Lis - tens to hear us, Bless - es to cheer us,
 Watch - eth the stray - ing, Guard - eth the pray - ing,
 In need He com - eth, Pre - cious His prom - ise:

Long - eth to wel - come, though of - ten re - viled.
 Pit - ies when - ev - er His Spir - it we grieve.
 Bids us to trust in His al - might - y name.
 Fa - ther in heav - en for - ev - er to be.