

## 173 A Woman and a Coin



1 A wom - an and a coin: the coin is lost!  
 2 A shep - herd and a sheep: the sheep is lost!  
 3 A par - ent and a child: the child is lost!  
 4 Dear God, you sought us when the world was lost;



How much it means to her, what time and toil,  
 Far from the flock, the one in hun - dred cries,  
 The par - ent feeds on mem - o - ries and hope,  
 you gave your on - ly son at what a cost;



what part it was to play in her bright dreams!  
 then, risk - ing life, the shep - herd's voice and staff!  
 the prod - i - gal on husks and one last chance.  
 your Spir - it wel - comes home the tem - pest - tossed:



Am I that trea - sured coin worth search - ing for?  
 Am I that trea - sured sheep worth dy - ing for?  
 Am I that trea - sured child worth wait - ing for?  
 now we can be all you were dream - ing of.



I'm found, and you re - joice! What love! What love!  
 I live, and you re - joice! What love! What love!  
 I'm home, and you re - joice! What love! What love!  
 We're safe, and you re - joice! What love! What love!

This text is a summary and interpretation of the three parables of Jesus recorded in Luke 15:3–32. The order has been partly rearranged (the second and first are interchanged) to create an ascending order of significance and to provide a context for the well-known third parable.