

The eternal self-existent God,
the God who is three in one,
He who dwells in the center of your being
is a powerful and valiant warrior.
He has come to set you free, to keep you safe
and to bring you victory.
He is cheered and He beams with exceeding joy
and takes pleasure in your presence.
He has engraved a place for Himself in you
and there He quietly rests
in His love and affection for you.
He cannot contain Himself at the thought of you
and with the greatest of joy spins around
wildly in anticipation over you.
He has placed you above all other creations
In fact, He shouts and sings in triumph,
joyfully proclaiming the gladness of His heart
in a song of rejoicing . . .
All because of you!

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