God's Burning Love

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God is love (1 John 4:8).
He is deep,
      complete,
      changeless love.
All He does,
all He says,
all He is
      is love.
His love -
      deeply desiring the very best for all He has made -
His power -
      creating, supporting, and ruling all He has made - and
His wisdom -
      completely knowing all He has made -
are infinite and
      inseparable.
His love reaches everywhere
       His power and His knowing go.
He completely knows and
      completely loves
      all He has made.
His infinite power,
      infinite wisdom, and
      infinite love
are simply different aspects of
      His all-ness.
There is no indifference in His love –
      to not even the slightest degree.
No coolness.
      No distance.
      No half-heartedness.
      No distraction.
      No unthinking routine.
His love is a fire
      that blazes eternally,
      white-hot.
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But His love never forces itself on any of us.

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He whispers.
      He woos.
      And yes, He sometimes shouts.
But then He always waits.
      He never enters without an invitation.
He watches for even the smallest, weakest response, then
      patiently,
      unhurriedly,
      tenderly,
      wisely
fans it into flame,
      as His creature allows.
Father, I love You!
Help me to love You and
      know You
      more and
      more.
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Hymn: Your Ceaseless, Unexhausted Love

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