

Christ Our Savior Came To Earth

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For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Lk 19:10

Christ our Sav - ior came to earth, In a low - ly man - ger,
He, the faith - ful Son, and pure, Ev - er pleased the Fa - ther,
Why must He now pro - strate lie, Cry - ing to the Fa - ther?
Now in Pi - late's judge - ment hall, His ac - cus - ers rail - ing,
Oh, what grace has for us wrought, None His cause is plead - ing,
"Why hast Thou for - sak - en me?", Plain - tive cry as - cend - ing:
As the night be - fore the dawn, So must dark - ness streng - then,

Zion now a vigil keeps, Earth's vain fare e'er spurning,
At the Throne a white-robed throng, Songs of praise are sending,

With the hum - ble and the poor, Travel - ed here a Strang - er,
Per - fect will and Ho - ly Word, O - ver - came the Temp - ter,
Why do drops of an - guish fall, Show'r - ing O - live's Gar - den?
Mock - ing, scourg - ing, beat - ing sore, Noth - ing are pre - vail - ing,
How has love now set the course, On to Cal - v'ry lead - ing,
On - ly si - lence in re - turn, God His ear not lend - ing,
Yet when morn - ing sun shall rise, So its beams must length - en,

Till her Bridegroom's face she sees, At His bright appearing,
To the Lamb who for them died, In His love unending,

Heav - en's laud and bliss for - sook, He, the Man of Sor - rows,
Un - de - filed and spot - less He, Knew no sin or gu - ile,
What be - falls the In - no - cent, Fa - ther's will yet seek - ing?
Why sits He so sil - ent - ly, Pat - ient - tly en - dur - ing?
On Him - self our sins He took, Guilt and shame pre - fer - ring,
Sun its rays must hide to see, The Cre - a - tor lan - guish,
Now e - ter - nal Day has sprung, Sin's full pay - ment giv - en,

At such splendor radiant, Scoffers shall in terror,
There a recompense untold, Joy in place of sorrow,

Joy ex - changed for grief as He, Ad - am's nat - ure bor - rowed.
Heav'n - ly wit - ness proved He is, God's an - oint - ed Chi - ld.
On to sin - ner's judge - ment sore, God His Lamb is lead - ing!
Will not one an - swer give, His re - lease se - cur - ing?
For the joy be - fore Him set, Cru - el cross en - dur - ing.
Earth and Tem - ple veil are rent, At His dy - ing an - guish.
Death and hell now pow - er - less: Christ the Lord is ri - sen!

Cry in vain as earth and heav'ns, Are dissolved by fire.
And for tribulation brief, Peace and rest eternal.