

Love Amid Despising

How glad they were, "He'll soon be dead"
But O that board above his head
In words so very clear to see
It spoke of Him who on the tree
Was bearing such deep agony.

The writing was for all to see
This is the man from Galilee
"The King of Jews", how can it be
That He should hang upon a tree
Midst utmost shame and ignominy?

Jesus of Nazareth it read With crown of thorns upon His head "Take off that board, it must not stand An insult great, we thus demand" But ore them all His eyes did scan.

There on that cross the Saviour hung As insults deep, corrupt man flung With stinging words contemptibly said Rejoicing that He'd soon be dead When at noonhour the light then fled.

Despite His own dread agony When hanging on that rugged tree With tender tones He gives a cry "Forgive them", for their sins I die For this I left my home on high.

"Father forgive" hold back their doom For them I pray, they know not whom They mock in shame and blatantly They bowed in mock humility Thy Son who hangs upon the tree.

But not a word came forth from God When justice lifted up her rod Such love amazing, can it be He'd bear the curse on Calvary's tree "Forsaken" there my Lord for me.

How much he loved, I cannot tell To save my wretched soul from Hell For me He bore that awful blow And suffered what no one could know That God might endless life bestow.

What character of man is this Who seeks for me eternal bliss? Despite the sufferings he bore His love pours out yet even more I bow in worship and adore.

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