

023 - Page 13 - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

— In Em

attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th century; tr. Paul Gerhardt, 1656

Key: G

Intro

Em

Verse 1

C **D** **G**
O sacred Head, now wounded,
Em **B** **Em**
With grief and shame weighed down,
C **D** **G**
Now scornfully surrounded
Em **B** **Em**
With thorns, Thine only crown
D **C** **G**
How pale thou art with anguish,
C **Am** **Em**
with sore abuse and scorn.
D **G** **A D**
How does that visage la-nguish
C **D** **Em**
which once was bright as morn.
C **D** **G**
which once was bright as morn.

Verse 2

C **D G**
What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered,
Em **B** **Em**
Was all for sinners' gain;
C **D G**
Mine, mine was the transgression,
Em **B** **Em**
But Thine the deadly pain.
D **C** **G**
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour.
C **Am** **Em**
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
D **G** **A D**
Look on me with Thy fa-vour,
C **D** **Em**
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.
C **D** **G**
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

Verse 3

C **D G**
What language shall I borrow,
Em **B** **Em**
To thank Thee, dearest friend,
C **D** **G**
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Em **B** **Em**
Thy pity without end?
D **C** **G**
O make me Thine forever,
C **Am** **Em**
And should I fainting be,
D **G** **A D**
Lord, let me never, never
C **D** **Em**
Outlive my love to Thee.
C **D** **G**
Outlive my love to Thee.

Verse 4

C **D** **G**
My Shepherd, now receive me;
Em **B** **Em**
My Guardian, own me Thine.
C **D** **G**
Great blessings Thou didst give me,
Em **B** **Em**
O Source of gifts divine.
D **C** **G**
Thy lips have often fed me
C **Am** **Em**
With words of truth and love;
D **G** **A** **D**
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
C **D** **Em**
To heavenly joys above.
C **D** **G**
To heavenly joys above.

Verse 5

C **D** **G**
My Saviour, be Thou near me
Em **B** **Em**
When death is at my door;
C **D** **G**
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Em **B** **Em**
Forsake me nevermore!
D **C** **G**
When soul and body languish,
C **Am** **Em**
Oh, leave me not alone,
D **G** **A** **D**
But take away mine anguish
C **D** **Em**
By virtue of Thine own.
C **D** **G**
By virtue of Thine own.