

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

(words by **Isaac Watts** (1674-1748))

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death¹ of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er His body on the tree;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me. ²

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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¹ In the hymn book **Hymns Ancient & Modern Revised** (1972), the second line of verse 2 reads *Save in the **cross** of Christ my God*.

² In some hymn books, verse 4 is omitted.