

Jesus of Nazareth Passeth By

"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene..." (Mark 16:6)

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1. What means this ea-ger, anx-ious throng, Which moves with busy haste a-long—
 2. Who is this Je-sus? Why should He The cit-y move so might-i-ly?
 3. Je-sus! 'tis He who once be-low Man's pathway trod, 'mid pain and woe;
 4. A-gain He comes! From place to place His ho-ly footprints we can trace.
 5. Ho! all ye heav-y-la-den come! Here's par-don, comfort, rest, and home.
 6. But if you still this call re-fuse, And all His wondrous love a-buse,

These won-drous gath-erings day by day? What means this strange com-mo-tion pray?
 A pass-ing stran-ger, has He skill To move the mul-ti-tude at will?
 And bur-dened ones, where-e'er He came, Brought out their sick, and deaf, and lame.
 He paus-eth at our thresh-old—nay, He en-ters—con-de-scends to stay.
 Ye wan-derers from a Fa-ther's face, Re-turn, ac-cept His proffered grace.
 Soon will He sad-ly from you turn, Your bit-ter pray-er for par-don spurn.

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