

THE LIFE OF CHRIST: SUFFERING AND DEATH.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

They plaited a crown of thorns, and put it about His head. Mark 15:17

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed With grief and shame weighed down;
2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,

Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
For this, Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?

How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn;
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior; 'Tis I de - serve Thy place.
O make me Thine for - ev - er; And, should I faint - ing be,

How does that vis - age lan - guish, Which once was bright as morn!
Look on me with Thy fa - vor; As - sist me with Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to Thee.

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