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PASSION CHORALE

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,  
4. Be near when I am dy - ing, O show Thy cross to me!

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 pi - ty with - out end?  
And, for my suc - cor fly - ing, come, Lord, to set me free.

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was Thine!  
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,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from Thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call Thee mine.  
look on me with Thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me Thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for Thee.  
for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in Thy love.

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