The Ballad of the Cross

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By (Yet the)
pro-phets, God fore-told
One who spoke of love
of the send-ing of His Son
was re-ject-ed and de-spised;

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who would give His life to set the captive free.

He knew all too well the sinful heart of men.

Step-ping down from His throne
Those with eyes refused to see,

and the glory He had known,
those with ears refused to hear,

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came to give His life for you and me.
sought a way to bring Him to an end.

Though He knew well the cost,
By a friend He was betrayed,

pared to suffer loss and give Him-self as ran-
soldiers led away, yet for this very hour
som for us all.  
He had come.

In - to our hope -
They did not take:

less world He came,
He freely gave;
en - dured the suf - fering and the shame, 
for those He came to save,

ev - ery mo - ment stay - ing faith - ful to the call.
the road to the cross He walked a - lone.

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Yet the He could have called a million angels to His side, or stepped down from the cross.
and walked away.

But His love held Him there, through the pain and despair,

to free us from the debt we could not pay.
In His suffering and pain took the

guilt and the shame as He hung be-tween the hea-
vens and the ground.

every nail, every thorn, every stare, every scorn

pierced the One who so freely laid it down.
With His face to the sky,

"IT IS FINISHED!" was His cry: the Words

that broke the gates of hell.

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When His final words were said, breathed His last,
bowed His head;
Darkness o'er the land so quickly fell.
Yet death and darkness could not stand against His power:

He rose, victorious over the grave.

In His light we now may live,
by the grace He came to give: All who call up - on His Name are sure - ly saved!

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