

*"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29b)*

1. Behold, my soul, what God has wrought  
When by His grace my heart He sought,  
When in His love and sovereign plan  
He chose to save a wretched man.  
When God made heav'n and earth below  
He simply spoke and it was so,  
But when He sought my soul to save  
E'en Christ, His only Son, He gave.
2. Before God spoke and it was light,  
Before men fell in sin's dark night,  
The Lord set forth redemption's plan  
That grace might find this wretched man.  
That God would choose for Christ a wife,  
And Christ would die to save her life;  
The Spirit then would call the bride  
And draw her to her Master's side.
3. Christ left the glories of heav'n above  
And took the form of those He loved.  
He shared our suffering and our strife  
And lived a holy, perfect life.  
He found us dead and vile within,  
Rebels to God, condemned for sin,  
Destined for wrath and hell's torment,  
Yet blinded and in sin content.
4. Yet in our sin, Christ loved us still  
And bore the cross on Cal'vry's hill.  
He took the judgment we had earned  
And died as God's fierce wrath did burn.  
Our debt was great, none would suffice  
Except a perfect sacrifice,  
And as the cross drew forth His blood,  
An offering rose before our God.
5. His death has full atonement made!  
The debt we owed in full is paid!  
He purchased us with His own blood;  
Such love! Behold the Lamb of God!  
When death and sin defeated fell,  
He trampled down the gates of hell  
And rose victorious o'er the grave  
To live for those He came to save.
6. He then ascended to the throne,  
Now interceding for His own,  
And for our comfort, help, and cheer;  
He sent His Holy Spirit near,  
To open hearts, convict of sin,  
To lead to Christ and dwell within,  
To daily bring supplies of grace  
And hold us fast to Christ's embrace.
7. When by His grace my heart He sought,  
Behold, my soul, what God has wrought!  
The measures to fulfill His plan!  
The cost to save a wretched man!  
He now prepares for me a place  
And soon I'll see Him face to face,  
And wonder through eternity,  
How great His mercy shown to me!

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