

Christ's Dying, Rising, and Reigning

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Watt's Original Text:
hymn #188 in the 1841 Nauvoo Hymnal

He dies! the friend of sinners dies!
Lo! Salem's daughters weep around;
A solemn darkness veils the skies;
A sudden trembling shakes the ground.

Come, saints, and drop a tear or two
For him who groaned beneath your load:
He shed a thousand drops for you,
A thousand drops of richer blood.

Here's love and grief beyond degree,
The Lord of glory dies for men!
But lo! what sudden joys we see;
Jesus the dead revives again!

The rising God forsakes the tomb!
The tomb in vain forbids his rise;
Cherubic legions guard him home,
And shout him welcome to the skies

Break off your fears, ye saints, and tell
How high our great Deliv'rer reigns;
Sing how he spoiled the hosts of hell,
And led the monster Death in chains.

Say, "Live for ever, wondrous King!
Born to redeem, and strong to save;
Then ask the monster, "Where's thy sting?"
And, "Where's thy vict'ry, boasting
Grave?"

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1. He died! the great Redeemer died!
And Israel's daughters wept around;
A solemn darkness veil'd the sky;
A sudden trembling shook the ground!

2. Come saints and drop a tear or two,
For him who groan'd beneath your load:
He shed a thousand drops for you,
A thousand drops of precious blood.

3. Here's love and grief beyond degree;
The Lord of glory died for men!
But lo! what sudden joys were heard,
Jesus though dead's reviv'd again!

4. The rising Lord forsook the tomb,
(In vain the tomb forbid his rise,)
Cherubic legions guard him home,
And shout him welcome to the skies.

5. Wipe off your tears, ye saints and tell
How high your great deliv'rer reigns:
Sing how he triumph'd over hell,
And how he'll bind your foe in chains.

6. Say, "Live forever wond'rous King!
Born to redeem and strong to save!
Then ask the monster - "Where's thy sting?"
And where's thy vict'ry, boasting grave?"

