

# Would Jesus have the sinner die?

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Would Jesus have the sinner die?  
Why hangs he then on yonder tree?  
What means that strange expiring cry?  
(Sinners he prays for you and me:)  
"Forgive them, Father, O forgive:  
They know not that by me they live!"

Jesus descended from above,  
Our loss of Eden to retrieve;  
Great God of universal love,  
If all the world through thee may live,  
In us a quick'ning spirit be,  
And witness thou hast died for me!

Thou loving, all atoning Lamb,  
Thee - by thy painful agony,  
Thy bloody sweat, thy grief and shame,  
Thy cross, and passion on the tree,  
Thy precious death and life - I pray,  
Take all, take all my sins away!

O let me kiss thy bleeding feet,  
And bathe and wash them with my tears;  
The story of thy love repeat  
In every drooping sinner's ears;  
That all may hear the quick'ning sound,  
Since I, e'en I, have mercy found.

O let thy love my heart constrain,  
Thy love for every sinner free;  
That every fallen soul of man  
May taste the grace that found out me;  
That all mankind with me may prove  
Thy sovereign, everlasting love.