O Sacred Head, Surrounded

Salve caput cruentatum; ascr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153

Alternate verses: verse 1 tr. by Henry W. Baker, alt.
Verses 1, 2 tr. by Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877, alt.
Verse 3 tr. by James W. Alexander, 1804–1859, alt.
Verse 2, Owen Alstott
Verse 3, Owen Alstott, composite

INTRO (INTERLUDE) (d = ca. 92)
E♭ Cm F B♭ Gm D7 Gm

1a. O Sacred Head, surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn!
O
2a. In this, your bitter passion,
Good Shepherd, think of me
With
3a. What language shall I borrow
To thank you, dearest friend,
For

1b. O Sacred Head, surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn!
O
2b. O Love, all love transcending,
O Wisdom from on high!
O
3b. O Jesus, we adore thee,
Up on the cross our King!
We

bleeding Head, so wounded,
Reveled and put to scorn!
The
your most kind compassion,
Unworthy though I be:
Be-
this, your dying sorrow,
Your mercy with out end?
Lord,

bleeding Head, so wounded,
Reveled and put to scorn!
No
Truth, unchanging, unchanging,
Suffered up to die!
Was

humbly bow before thee,
And of thy victory sing!
Thy

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1a. pow'r of death comes o'er you, The glow of life decays, Yet
2a. neath your cross abiding, For ever would I rest, In
3a. make me yours forever, A loyal servant true, And

1b. come likeness or beauty Thy wounded face betrays, Yet
2b. e'er a love so drowsy! That from his heav'nly throne God
3b. cross is our salvation, Our hope from day to day, Our

F Eb Bb sus4 Bb Eb Cm Gm

1a. angel hosts adore you, And tremble as they gaze.
2a. your dear love confiding, And with your presence blest.
3a. let me never, never Out-live my love for you.

1b. angel hosts adore thee And tremble as they gaze.
2b. should descend among us To suffer for his own.
3b. peace and consolation When life shall fade a way.

F Bb C F Eb F

1, 2 (or D.C.) Final

F Eb Cm F Bb Gm D7 Gm

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