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.
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INTRO (INTERLUDE) (*) = ca. 92

E♭ Cm F B♭ Gm D7 Gm

Verse 1
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

Verse 2
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

Verse 3
1. bleed-ing Head, so wound-ed, Re-viled and put to scorn! The
2. your most kind com-passion, Un-worthy though I be: Be-
3. this, your dy-ing sor-row, Your mer-cy with-out end? Lord,

Verse 4
1b. bleed-ing Head, so wound-ed, Re-viled and put to scorn! No
2b. Truth, un-changed, un-chang-ing, Sur-ren-dered up to die! Was
3b. hum-bly bow be-fore thee, And of thy vic-t’ry sing! Thy

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*Alternate verses
1. pow’r of death comes o’er you, The glow of life decays, Yet
2. neath your cross abiding, For ever would I rest, In
3. make me yours forever, A loyal servant true, And
1b. comeliness or beauty Thy wounded face betrays, Yet
2h. e’er a love so wondrous! 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

1. an - gel hosts a - dore you, And trem - ble as they gaze.
2. your dear love con - fid ing, And with your presence blест.
3. let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love for you.
1b. an - gel hosts a - dore thee And trem - ble as they gaze.
2b. should descend a - mong us To suf - fer for his own.
3b. peace and con - so - la - tion When life shall fade a - way.

F Bb C F Eb F

1, 2 (or D.C.) Final

1, 2 Bb (or D.C.) Final

Bb

Cm

F

Bb

Gm

D7

Gm