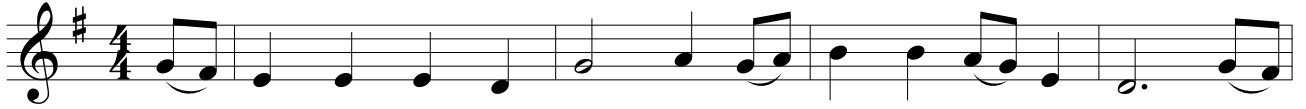


Dear Lord, I Come Confessing



Dear Lord, I come con - fess - ing a hard - 'ning heart of late. The
 You taught us, Lord, some tough things: Do good to those who hate; that
 You came, Lord, in com - pas - sion, to cold, dark Beth - le - hem. And,
 Your "No" to earth - ly pow - er re - fused the Tempt - er plain. You



grip of black - hole for - ces pulls toward a mouth of hate. Help
 an - ger counts with mur - der, and car - ries judg - ment's weight; that for -
 on the way to meet your death, you mourned Je - ru - sa - lem. You
 gave, in - stead, your life poured out, and Spir - it to re - main. So



me re - sist the im - pulse to name an "us" and "them," and
 give - ness and for - giv - ing have meas - 'ring cups the same.... Would
 free - ly met with sin - ners; you did not count the cost; you
 let us, in your steps, Lord, spread bles - sing side - to - side. To



let me name in - stead my fears, to bring to you a - gain.
 I then share no mer - cy with a soul for whom you came?
 told how Heav - en re - joic - es when one is found who had been lost.
 act in love, we can, be - cause of peace that you pro - vide.

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Dear Lord, See to My Heart



Dear Lord, see to my heart; it's _____ more like stone of late. I've
You taught us, Lord, some tough things: Do good to those who hate; that
You came, Lord, in com - pas - sion, to _____ cold, dark Beth - le - hem. And,
Your "No" to earth - ly pow - er re - fused the Tempt - er plain. You



felt it tight - en as a fist toward those I would not hate. Help _____
an - ger counts with mur - der, and _____ car - ries judg - ment's weight; that for -
on the way to meet your death, you _____ mourned Je - ru - sa - lem. You _____
gave, in - stead, your life poured out, and _____ Spir - it to _____ re - main. So _____



me re - sist _____ the im - pulse to _____ name an _____ "us" and "them," then,
give - ness and for - giv - ing have _____ meas - 'ring cups the same.... Would
free - ly met with sin - ners; you _____ did not _____ count the cost; you _____
let us, in _____ your steps, Lord, spread bles - sing side - to - side. To _____



help me of - fer _____ up my needs and _____ fears to you a - gain.
I then share _____ no _____ mer - cy with a _____ soul for whom you came?
told how Heav - en re - joic - es when one is found who had been lost.
act in love, _____ we _____ can, be - cause of _____ peace that you pro - vide.

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