

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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1. When I sur - vey the won-drous cross
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down;
That were a pres-ent far too small;

My rich-est gain I count but loss
All the vain things that charm me most—
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

And pour contempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
Or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
De-mands my soul, my life, my all.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves, each with a vocal line and a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in four groups of four lines each, corresponding to the four verses of the hymn. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.