Beneath the Cross of Jesus (231~)

Vs 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Vs 2 There lies beneath its shadow, but on the farther side,
The darkness of an awful grave that gapes both deep and wide;
And there between us stands the cross, two arms outstretched to save,
Like a watchman set to guard the way from that eternal grave.

Vs 3 Upon the cross of Jesus mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart, with tears, these wonders I confess:
The wonder of His glorious love, and my unworthiness.

Vs 4 I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place.
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self – my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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What Wondrous Love is This (245~)

Vs 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Vs 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

Vs 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

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