

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153

PASSION CHORALE

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

1. O sac - red head now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down; now
 2. What thou, my Lord hast suf - fered was all for sin - ner's gain: mine,
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend, for
 4. Be near when I am dy - ing, O show thy cross to me; and

scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown; O
 mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain. Lo,
 this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end? O
 for my suc - cor fly - ing, come, Lord to set me free: these

sa - cred head what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine! Yet,
 here I fall, my Sa - vior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place; look
 make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be, Lord,
 eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from Je - sus shall not move; for

though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
 let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 he who dies be - liev - ing, dies safe - ly through thy love.