

Hymn For The Stations of the Cross

Taken prisoner from the Garden,
To fulfil the plan of pardon,
 Jesus Christ to Sion goes.
By his own will undefended,
By the Father's will surrendered
 To the judgment of his foes.

1 Jesus is condemned to death

God the Son comes to his hour
Lays aside his Godly power
 Makes himself a slave for us.

2 Jesus receives the Cross

Priest and Prefect proving truthless,
He accepts a sentence ruthless,
 Taking to himself our Cross.

3 Jesus falls for the first time

See the Word born from above
Falling in the way of love,
 Joins us in the dust of earth.

4 Jesus meets his mother

Mary meets him in affliction,
Knows fulfilled the seer's prediction,
 Like a sword into her heart.

5 Simon of Cyrene shares the burden of the Cross

Seeing him in mortal danger,
They enlist a passing stranger
 Into a disciple's place.

6 Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Through the crowd's contempt and hate
We may come compassionate,
 And may meet our Saviour's gaze.

7 Jesus falls the second time

Scourge and taunts his strength diminish,
Still he strives his course to finish,
 Do his Father's will on high.

8 Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Save the tears of Sion's daughter
For her children's future slaughter
When the green wood shall be dry.

9 Jesus falls the third time

In his weakness made our brother,
In the dust he meets the mother
Of all flesh that's bound to fall.

10 Jesus is stripped of his garments

From his last possessions freed,
Nakedly for us to plead,
Jesus stands revealed to all.

11 Jesus is nailed to the Cross

Wounds eternal penetrate him,
From the hands of those who hate him,
Signs from earth to heaven sent.

12 Jesus dies on the Cross

God's last word to humans spoken,
Mercy's everlasting token,
Love that breaks our banishment.

13 Jesus is taken down from the Cross

From the tree of condemnation
In their loving desolation
Tenderly they take him down.

14 Jesus is laid in the tomb

To the end our brother being,
To our lowly life agreeing,
His obedient journey's crown.

From his Father's side descending,
Jesus followed to its ending
Faithfully the plan of Love.
We who know his sorrow's story
Long to know his coming glory,
Pray to share his joy above!