Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'rst To Earth "Mit Freuden zart"

Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969)

Choir and Organ

1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, upon a cross they bound thee, and mocked thy saving kingship then by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that steady brow and robe of sorrow round thee, all those nations' pride, o'er thrown, went down to dust beside thee.

2 O awe ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom the powers which crucified thee, till not a stone was left on stone, and all those nations' pride, o'er thrown, went down to dust beside thee.

3 New advent of the love of Christ, shall we again re fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war we lose thee? From old un faith our souls re lease to seek the kingdom of thy peace, by which alone we choose thee.

melody from "Une pastourelle gentille" 1529
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent)
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4 O wounded hands of Jesus, build in us thy new creation; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled, we
wait thy revelation: O love that triumphs
over loss, we bring our hearts before thy cross, to finish thy salvation.