

O'er All the Earth the Cross Is Spreading

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1. O'er all the earth the cross is spread - ing Its
 2. In count - less gloom - y forms and fear - ful, The
 3. Be sure of this, the cross will find thee, No

might - y arms of woe and grief; Wher - e'er the feet of
 cross nears thee with pierc - ing dart; For tri - als, woes, and
 mat - ter whith - er thou wouldst flee; If thou wouldst put the

men are tread - ing The cross stands out in bold re - lief.
 All place the cross up - on your heart.
 cross be - hind thee, Its bur - den will but heav - ier be.

4. Shun not the cross with all its anguish, For Christ our Savior suffered there;
 For us He on the cross did languish Eternal gladness to prepare.

5. Yet, that its burden may be lightened, O learn the lesson of the cross;
 By it each dreary way is brightened And comfort comes for every loss.

6. The cross has two beams bound together, Laid crosswise at the right degree;
 Yet if they parallel each other, The cross has thereby ceased to be.

7. And thus the cross itself explaineth Why burdens heavy are indeed,
 And also how the burden waneth, How souls from sorrow may be freed!

8. The longer beam, God's will in heaven; Crosswise our will against it lies—
 Thus in the cross our woe is given, And what God sends brings tears and sighs.

9. Do not withstand therefore God's leading, Although His hand may press severe;
 By patience conquer self-will—heeding How cross and suff'ring disappear!

10. If thus thou put thy will behind thee And do whatever wills thy Lord;
Then thou in suff'ring, peace wilt find thee, And Jesus' grace is thy reward.

11. With Jesus bear all thou must suffer, And fear the cross of life no more;
For when thy journey here is over, The cross will open heaven's door!