O sacred Head, now wounded



What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

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