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I cannot tell

G   Am⁷ G   C   F   C   Dm   F

1 I can - not tell   why he whom an - gels wor - ship,
2 I can - not tell   how sil - ent - ly he suf - fered
3 I can - not tell   how on that Eas - ter morn - ing,
4 I can - not tell   how he will win the   na - tions,
5 I can - not tell   how all the lands shall wor - ship,

G⁷   C   Am G   C   Gsus   G

should set his love   up - on the sons of   men,
as   with his peace   he graced this vale of tears,
the stone was moved   that stood be - fore the cave.
how he will claim   his earth - ly her - i - tage,
when at his bid -   ding ev - ery storm is stilled,

G⁷   C   F   C C⁷ Dm F   A⁷ Dm

or why as Shep - herd, he should seek the wan - derers,
or how his heart   up - on the cross was bro - ken,
How, in his flesh,   the world to come was dawn - ing:
how sat - is - fy   the needs and as - pi - ra - tions
or who can say   how great the ju - bi - la - tion

B°   F   D⁷   C   Am F   Dm   Dm   G⁷   C   F

to bring them back,   they know not how or   when.
the crown of pain   in three and thir - ty years;
the Lord of life   and con - queror of the grave.
of east and west   of sin - ner and of   sage.
when all our hearts   with love for him are filled.

Text: William Young Fullerton, 1857–1932
Tune: Irish traditional melody, setting John Barnard, b. 1948

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System 1 — Chords: G⁷ C Em⁷ F Em Em Am⁷ F C

But this I know, that he was born of Ma - ry
But this I know, he heals the bro - ken heart - ed
But this I know, his ris - ing is no fa - ble,
But this I know all flesh shall see his glo - ry,
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rap - ture,

System 2 — Chords: F² G♯° Am Em Dm⁶ Am D⁷ G

when Beth - lehem's man - ger was his on - ly home,
and stays our sin and calms our lurk - ing fear,
the Ho - ly Spir - it to the world he gives,
and he shall reap the har - vest he has sown,
ten thou - sand thou - sand hu - man voic - es sing,

System 3 — Chords: C G♯m Dm C Fma⁷ Dm⁷ C Am F♯°

and that he lived at Na - za - reth and la - boured;
and lifts he bur - den from the heav - y la - den;
and, high en - throned, he reigns with God the Fa - ther
and some glad day his sun will shine in splen - dour
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will an - swer:

System 4 — Chords: Bm⁷ Am D⁷ C Dm⁶ C Em Dm Am G C

and so our Lord the Sav - iour of the world, is come.
for still the Lord, and Sav - iour of the world, is here.
since he, the Lord and Sav - iour of the world, now lives.
when he the Lord and Sav - iour of the world, is known.
at last the Lord and Sav - iour of the world is King.