

HYMN

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I cannot tell

G (Am⁷ G) C (G C F C) Dm F

1 I can - not tell why he whom an - gels wor - ship
 2 I can - not tell how si - lent - 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,

C G⁷ C (F C) Am⁷ 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 (G C Bm⁷ C C⁷) Dm F

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

G⁷ (C G) C (F C) G⁷ C F

to bring them back, they know not how or when.
 the crown of pain to 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.

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 Tune: Irish traditional melody

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I cannot tell

G⁷ C F C G Am

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,

G C F C Am Bm G

when Beth-lehem'sman - ger was his on - ly home,
 for - gives our sin and calms our lurk - ing fear,
 his 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,

C Dm F Em Am

I know he lived and walked and talked and la - boured;
 and lifts the 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:

G (Am D⁷) C Dm G⁷ C

and so our Lord, the Sav - iour of the world, is come.
 for yet 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!