

He Who on Earth as Man Was Known

John Newton, 1779.

George Allen, 1844.

He who on earth as man was known,
And bore our sins and pains;
Now, seated on th'eternal throne,
The God of glory reigns.

His hands the wheels of nature guide
With an unerring skill;
And countless worlds extended wide,
Obey His sovereign will.

While harps unnumbered sound His praise,
In yonder world above;
His saints on earth admire His ways,
And glory in His love.

His righteousness, to faith revealed,
Wrought out for guilty worms,
Affords a hiding place and shield,
From enemies and storms.

This land, through which His pilgrims go,
Is desolate and dry;
But streams of grace from Him o'erflow
Their thirst to satisfy.

When troubles, like a burning sun,
Beat heavy on their head;
To this almighty Rock they run,
And find a pleasing shade.

How glorious He! how happy they
In such a glorious friend!
Whose love secures them all the way,
And crowns them at the end.