

Why Did the Nations Join to Slay  
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Why did the nations join to slay  
The Lords anointed Son?  
Why did they cast His laws away,  
And tread His Gospel down?

The Lord, that sits above the skies,  
Derides their rage below;  
He speaks with vengeance in His eyes,  
And strikes their spirits through.

I call him my eternal Son,  
And raise Him from the dead;  
I make My holy hill His throne,  
And wide His kingdom spread.

Ask Me, My Son, and then enjoy  
The utmost heathen lands:  
Thy rod of iron shall destroy  
The rebel that withstands.

Be wise, ye rulers of the earth,  
Obey th anointed Lord,  
Adore the king of heavnly birth,  
And tremble at His Word.

With humble love address His throne;  
For if He frown, ye die:  
Those are secure, and those alone,  
Who on His grace rely.