

074--Once He Came in Blessing

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1. Once He came in blessing,  
All our ills redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us,  
Hope and freedom gave us.

2. Still He comes within us,  
Still His voice would win us  
From the sins that hurt us;  
Would to Truth convert us  
From our foolish errors  
Ere He comes in terrors.

3. Thus, if thou hast known Him,  
Not ashamed to own Him,  
But wilt trust Him boldly  
Nor dost love Him coldly,  
He will then receive thee,  
Heal thee, and forgive thee.

4. He who thus endureth  
Bright reward secureth.  
Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us;  
Let us here confess Thee  
Till in heaven we bless Thee.

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