It Is a Thing Most Wonderful Words: William How, 1872. Music: Thomas Southgate, 1855.

It is a thing most wonderful, Almost too wonderful to be, That God's own Son should come from Heav'n, And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true; He chose a poor and humble lot, And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died, For love of those who loved Him not.

I cannot tell how He could love A child so weak and full of sin; His love must be most wonderful, If He could die my love to win.

I sometimes think about the cross, And shut my eyes, and try to see The cruel nails and crown of thorns, And Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see Him die, I could but see a little part Of that great love, which, like a fire, Is always burning in His heart.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for Him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love Thee, Lord; Oh, light the flame within my heart, And I will love Thee more and more, Until I see Thee as Thou art.