

Behold, What Wondrous Love and Grace

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Behold, what wondrous love and grace!

When we were wretched and undone,

To save our ruined, helpless race,

The Father gave His only Son!

Of twice ten thousand gifts divine,

No gift like this could ever shine.

Jesus, to save us from our fall,

Was made incarnate here below;

This was the greatest gift of all

Heaven could no greater gift bestow:

On Him alone our sins were laid;

He died, and now the ransom's paid.

O gift of love unspeakable!

O gift of mercy all divine!

We once were slaves of death and hell,

But now we in His image shine.

For other gifts our songs we raise,

But this demands our highest praise.

Praise shall employ these tongues of ours

Till we, with all the hosts above,

Extol His name with nobler powers,

Lost in the ocean of His love:

While angel choirs with wonder gaze,

We'll fill the heavens with shouts of praise.