

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring · 1851 · Tune: Diademata (George J. Elvey)

Meter: S.M.D. (6.6.8.6 D)

Verse 1

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Verse 2

Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Verse 3

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save:
His glories now we sing,
Who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Verse 4

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

History

Matthew Bridges wrote the original six stanzas in 1851; Godfrey Thring added six more in 1874. George J. Elvey's tune 'Diademata' (1868) takes its name from the Greek word for crowns in Revelation 19:12.

Scripture References (KJV)

Revelation 19:12

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns.

Philippians 2:9-11

God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.

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