

The Tree of Life

1. The tree of life with ev'ry good
 In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet
 God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew
 Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
 Against whose eating God had warned.
2. The stillness of that sacred grove
 Was broken as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile
 And Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath
 Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed
 Within the world so newly made.
3. What mercy God showed to our race,
 A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed,
 The One to fill our greatest need -
For on a tree uplifted high
 His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
 To crush the ancient serpent's head.
4. Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
 Flow life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe,
 Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet
 The Lord invites the world to eat.
To find within this cross of wood
 The tree of life with ev'ry good.

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