

The Hymnal 1982 - #314 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

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- 1 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,
 who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;
 lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
 tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.
- 2 Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;
 faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.
 I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told;
 what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.
- 3 O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;
 living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,
 grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,
 to my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.
- 4 Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold:
 face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,

in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

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