

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153

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1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed with grief and shame weighed down;
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
Lord, let me, nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.