

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

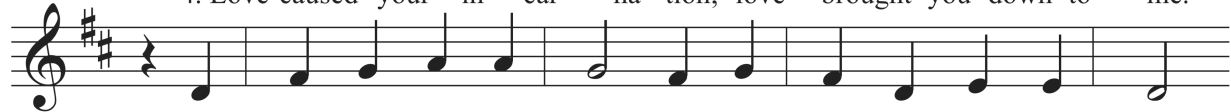
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1. O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
 2. Your Zi - on strews be - fore you green boughs and fair - est palms;
 3. I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
 4. Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 and I too will a - dore you with joy - ous songs and psalms.
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er for you with prais - es new
 A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing that led you to em - brace



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 and from your name shall ne - ver with - hold the hon - or due.
 that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
 in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.

5. Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
 Cannot his love erase;
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon
 And cover by his grace.
 He comes, for you procuring
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,
 His children thus securing
 Eternal life in heav'n.

6. He comes to judge the nations,
 A terror to his foes,
 A light of consolations
 And blessed hope to those
 Who love the Lord's appearing.
 O glorious Sun, now come,
 Send forth your beams so cheering,
 And guide us safely home.