

How it all began

We're going to tell a story, about a special man
In a cold and draughty cattle shed is where it all began.

He worked many miracles; he gave sight to the blind
He preached about God's precious love for all of human kind.

We're going to tell you a story that everyone should hear.
We're going to sing out and celebrate this happy time of year.
We're going to tell you a story that everyone should know
How Jesus lived, died and rose again two thousand years ago.
La la la la la la la la la la la

The people flocked around him; he taught them how to pray.
He told them they must care for one another everyday.
He cured the leper's skin disease, the dumb began to talk.
He forgave the lame man's sins and said "Pick up your mat and walk."

Chorus

Wave your branches high

Wave your branches high, shout and glorify
For the king is riding on his way.
Let your praises ring, sing to meet the king.
We can see him passing by today.

Come and see the saviour riding into town.
Sitting on a donkey no sceptre nor a crown.
He doesn't lead an army to rally us to war.
His words reveal what life is for.

Chorus

Onwards to the city danger lies ahead.
Enemies are waiting they want to see him dead.
We'll show them that we love him.
We'll shout aloud and cheer.
Because the king of peace is here.

Chorus

Remember me

When you break bread, remember me,
When you drink wine, remember me,
For my body will be broken and my blood will be shed.

When the time comes, don't run away,
Stay as my friends till break of day,
For my faith it will be tested for the sake of you all.

When you break bread, remember me,
When you drink wine, remember me,
For my body will be broken and my blood will be shed.

As the years fly stay close to me,
Keep in your heart my memory,
When you take bread you will break it in remembrance of me.

The time

Jesus prays alone, the disciples are asleep,
He is thinking of the hour that's to come.
Not mine but your will be done.

Quickly all awake when the temple guards appear,
They're afraid and there is no place to hide.
Who dares to stay by his side?

Run away, find a place, out of the light
Hide in the shadows don't linger tonight.
Steal away, disappear keep out of view.
For they might come searching for you.

Pilate hesitates as he stands before the crowd
He must make a good decision tonight.
He daren't say what's wrong or right.

He can't understand why this Jesus has to die,
So he tells the crowd that they have to choose.
Barabbas or king of the jews?

(And they cry)
Crucify, crucify, let Barabbas go free.
We daren't shout for Jesus, the soldiers might see.

In the dark, we can't tell
Who is standing nearby?
It's safer to shout crucify.

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UPON A CROSS OF SHAME (WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS)

Verse 1

What wondrous love is this
From heaven to earth come down
The greatest gift of all was given
The holy lamb of God, was lifted up to die
That we might have life.

Verse 2

What wondrous power is this
That held you to that cross
Not the agony of thorns and nails
But everlasting love, and waves of holy grace
Poured out for us all.

Chorus

Upon a cross of shame, you bled and died
Poured out your life, with arms open wide
And there you hung, with a heart full of love
Poured out for all of the world.
With a heart full of love.

Verse 3

Your blood forever flows, a never failing stream
Of forgiveness of power and cleansing
And your cross forever stands, from age to age
the same
Drawing all men to you.

Chorus x2 & outro

JESUS ALMIGHTY SAVIOUR

Verse 1

You came from heavens splendour
To earths humanity
Healing the broken hearted
Setting them free
But for the joy that followed
You gave up everything
Death on a cursed cross
That we might have life.

Chorus

Jesus almighty saviour, you rose up from the dead
Victorious triumphant, just like you said
In resurrection power, the grave you overcame
And now you sit in heaven, forevermore to reign.

Verse 2

There in the tomb your broken
Body in silence lay
But for three days three nights
It did not see decay
You had a greater purpose
You had a greater plan
That through the death of one man
All might have life.

NOW THE GRAVE IN THE TOMB

Chorus

**Now the grave in the tomb is empty
And the stone has been rolled away
And the power of death has been defeated
For Jesus is alive today
And this is why He came among us
And this is why He had to die
That we may know His resurrection power
That we may have eternal life.**

Verse

**Death has lost its sting
And its power has been defeated
For Christ is risen. Christ is risen
Tears have turned to joy
Now that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.**

Chorus

Verse

Outro

**Christ is risen Christ is risen
Christ is risen Christ is risen
Christ is risen Christ is risen
Christ is risen Christ is risen** (Repeat outro)

Christ is risen.