

# HYMN 25

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## Who Has Believed Our Message

Isaiah 53

Mon Dieu, mon Dieu

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1. Who has be-lieved our mes-sage from on high  
that God's own Son, who laid His glo-ries by,  
came down from heaven to suf-fer and to die  
for our trans-gres-sion?  
Who saw re-vealed in Him God's power and fa-vour -  
the might-y arm of Him who sent our Sav-our,  
that we, His peo-ple, might be free for-ev-er  
from sin and shame?

2. See how He grew up like a tender plant  
and sprouted from a root in arid land.  
He had no form or beauty to command  
our adoration.  
He was despised and by mankind rejected –  
a man of sorrows, burdened and afflicted.  
His greatness was not noticed or respected:  
we shrank from Him.

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3. Our suff-er-ings and in-fir-mi-ties He bore;  
our sor-rows He was will-ing to en-dure,  
while we thought He was be-ing pun-ished for  
His own wrong-do-ing.  
But He was pierced be-cause of our trans-gres-sion,  
bruised for our sin—His pun-ish-ments and pas-sion  
pro-cured our peace; His scour-gings and op-press-ion  
healed us a-gain.

4. All we like wilful sheep have gone astray;  
we've turned, each one to his own wicked way.  
Thus God has charged Him by His death to pay  
for our offences.  
Our shame He suffered in complete submission;  
He held His tongue when we showed our derision,  
bore us no rancour for our lack of vision  
and wilful wrong.

5. He opened not His mouth when foes had come  
to lead Him to the slaughter like a lamb;  
He, like a sheep before its shearers dumb,  
heard His accusers.  
He was oppressed, but then the LORD relieved Him.  
Who of His generation then received Him  
as sent from God because mankind had grieved Him  
with all their sins?
  
6. With wicked men they Him a grave assigned,  
but then a rich man Him a tomb did find,  
since He had not been to deceit inclined,  
for He was blameless.  
It was God's will to grieve Him by oppression:  
He made His Son an offering for transgression.  
He, when at last He has fulfilled His mission,  
shall see His seed.
  
7. The fruit of all His suffering and pain  
shall He behold, contented with His gain:  
that men through His instruction may obtain  
His boundless mercy.  
Hence I, the Lord, reward Him for His passion  
and many shall I make His own possession:  
the ones for whom He made His intercession,  
for whom He died.