

Jesus, Once of Humble Birth

Thoughtfully ♩ = 76-88

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a different verse of the hymn. The first line of lyrics is: '1. Je - sus, once of hum - ble birth, Now in glo - ry comes to earth.' The second line is: '2. Once a meek and low - ly Lamb, Now the Lord, the great I Am.' The third line is: '3. Once he groaned in blood and tears; Now in glo - ry he ap - pears.' The fourth line is: '4. Once for - sa - ken, left a - lone, Now ex - alt - ed to a throne.' The second system of the score continues the lyrics: 'Once he suf - fered grief and pain; Now he comes on earth to reign.' 'Once up - on the cross he bowed; Now his char - iot is the cloud.' 'Once re - ject - ed by his own, Now their King he shall be known.' 'Once all things he meek - ly bore, But he now will bear no more.'

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Text: Parley P. Pratt, 1807-1857

Music: Martin Herbst, 1676; Nürnberger Gesangbuch, 1677

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