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How shall we sing salvation's song

How shall we sing salvation's song
when justice stands denied,
when greed and tyranny and wrong
prevail on every side?
Shall silent fall our voice of praise,
as on the willows hung
the harps that told of happier days
when songs of home were sung?

Yet still we sing as Moses sang
beside the parted wave,
when Canaan's skies in triumph rang
to God the strong to save.
We too in psalms like David sing,
as David's faith we claim,
who sang as shepherd-boy and king
of God's eternal name.

And we have blessings more than they
in Christ our risen Lord,
himself our Life and Truth and Way,
his Spirit on us poured.
For ours the cross where Jesus died,
the love that bore our sins;
to him, enthroned and glorified,
salvation's song begins.

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