

*Salve caput cruentatum*

# O Sacred Head, Surrounded

Henry W. Baker / PASSION CHORALE



1. O Sa-cred Head, sur-round-ed by crown of pierc-ing thorn!
2. I see thy strength and vig-our all fad-ing in the strife,
3. In this, thy bit-ter pas-sion, Good Shep-herd, think of me



1. O bleed-ing Head, so wound-ed, re-viled and put to scorn!
2. and death with cru-el rig-our, be-reav-ing thee of life;
3. with thy most sweet com-pas-sion, un-worth-y though I be:



1. Death's pal-lid hue comes o'er thee, the glow of life de-cays,
2. O ag-on-y and dy-ing! O love to sin-ners free!
3. be-neath thy cross a-bid-ing for ev-er would I rest,



1. yet an-gel hosts a-dore thee and trem-ble as they gaze.
2. Christ Je-sus, grace sup-ply-ing, O turn thy face to me.
3. in thy dear love con-fid-ing, and with thy pres-ence blest.

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