

Viva! Viva! Gesù! Che per mio bene

Glory Be to Jesus

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1. Glory be to Jesus,
 who in bitter pains
 poured for me the life-blood
 from his sacred veins.
2. Grace and life eternal
 in that blood I find:
 blest be his compassion,
 infinitely kind.
3. Blest through endless ages
 be the precious stream,
 which from endless torment
 does the world redeem.
4. Abel's blood for vengeance
 pleaded to the skies;
 but the blood of Jesus
 for our pardon cries.
5. Oft as it is sprinkled
 on our guilty hearts,
 Satan in confusion
 terror-struck departs.
6. Oft as we exalt it,
 lifting praises high,
 pow'rs of evil tremble;
 vict'ry fills the sky.
7. Lift ye then your voices;
 swell the mighty flood;
 louder still and louder,
 praise the precious blood.

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