

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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