

Christmas Meditation on Revelation Chapter Five

From the throne room up in heaven
Look the Father and the Son
Down on fallen Image-bearers
Who in sin to death had run

Thorn and thistle, war and famine
Hate and anguish fill the earth
Man's inventions show his genius
But his heart reveals his curse

Man is helpless, man is hopeless
Not a worthy one is found
Who can take the scroll of heaven
And reveal the pathway home

"Do not weep" declares the angel
"Judah's Lion now has come
Worthy is the Root of David
To receive the scroll from God"

God still loves His Image-bearers
With an everlasting love
Knew the end from the beginning
Sent His Son from heav'n above

From the infant in the manger,
To the teacher by the sea,
To the dying Lamb of Cal'vry,
This the Son of God, 'tis He

Wears the thorns of Eden's failure
Sheds his blood, the perfect lamb
Bears the curse of death eternal
See Him now, "Behold the Man"

Bowing down in shame and sorrow
Holy sacrifice is made
Dying breath declares His triumph
Empty tomb, the debt is paid

See Him risen now in glory
Judah's Lion, David's Seed
From the grave He rose triumphant
Took the curse and set us free

Let us join the holy chorus
Filling heaven, earth, and sea,
"Worthy is the Lamb", repeat it
Now, for all eternity