O God beyond All Praising

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
2. The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,

And sing the love amaz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;

For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,

At blessings without number and mercies without end. 
Though small in mortal stature to heav'en's garden grown. 
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still.

We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word; 
For Christ, the man from heav'n, from death has set us free, 
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,

We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. 
And we through him are given the final victory! 
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*May be omitted.

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LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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Unless a Grain of Wheat

**Refrain**

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.

**Verses**

1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall follow me; where I am, my mine in you; those who remain in me lives in you, then you will be my dis -

2. If anyone serves me, then they must make your home in me as I make me; where - ever I am, my mine in you; those who re - main in me lives in you, then you will be my dis -

3. Make your home in me as I make me; where I am, my mine in you; those who remain in me lives in you, then you will be my dis -

4. If you remain in me and my word Fa - ther; we shall be with them and give to you; peace which the world can - not reign with him.

5. Those who love me are loved by my ser - vants will be. bear much fruit.

6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I ci - ples. dwell in them.

give is my gift.
God of Day and God of Darkness

1. God of day and God of darkness, Now we stand before the night; As the shadows stretch and deepen, Come and make our darkness bright. All creation still is groaning For the dawning of your might, When the Sun of peace and justice.

2. Still the nations curse the darkness, Still the rich oppress the poor; Still the earth is bruised and broken By the ones who still want more. Come and hearts shall wander restless 'Til they safe to you rest, For our all a peaceful rest, Let each mind and body might, When the peace of broken, turn; Find yourself in one another, mend, So we rise refreshed tomorrow, Fills the earth with radiant light. All your children at our door. We shall all your face discern. Hearts renewed to Kingdom tend.

3. You shall be the path that guides us, You the source and you our end; Praise to you who love and nurture As a father, mother, friend. Grant us

4. Praise to you in day and darkness, You our

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