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## JESUS CHRIST

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**W**HO is this Jesus Christ and why  
Should eager questions multiply?  
Whence comes this enigmatic man  
And why His e'er increasing train,  
A very world-wide caravan,  
Disarming cavil and disdain?

This Jesus is of royal birth,  
The highest born of all the earth ;  
His mother, virgin, David's line ;  
Eternal God of heaven His sire—  
What majesties in Him combine,  
What glories in the Christ conspire !

Inev'table the Nazarene,  
Inscrutable, self-poised, serene ;  
Of stateliness He makes no show,  
No self-importance lines His face ;  
Of all the lowly, lowest low,  
He meekest of the human race.



A giant shall His stature be?  
No son of Anak outwardly ;  
A common man mid common men  
    Urbane to all of all beliefs ;  
All lovely to discerning ken —  
    Great Chief above ten-thousand chiefs.

Fall calmly from His gracious lips  
Such wisdoms as all else eclipse ;  
Two-thousand of untiring years  
    In science deep by ferret foe  
By men of note, reputed seers,  
    His wisdom fail to overthrow.

Men search with microscopic eye  
And pass no source of knowledge by ;  
All doubt and cavil careful sift,  
    Give all interrogation heed,  
Go far and wide on mission swift  
    Permitting nothing to impede.

Again is asked the question, who?  
Who penetrates Him thru and thru?  
He, simplest of all sons of men,  
    Complex is found and fathomless —  
Yet like the common citizen,  
    Abnormal not, nought in excess.

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Supreme the Lord Jehovah stands,  
Attention of the world commands ;  
Advantage greater than of yore  
    Makes clarion the Gospel note ;  
True preachers, more than e'er before,  
    Have wiser grown and more devote.

Christ Jesus was, His words maintain,  
For sinners slain ; in Him they're slain ;  
In Him ! O mighty words in small,  
    What wealth of Gospel they convey !  
They tell of rescue from the fall,  
    They mark, illumine, salvation's way.

In Him perfection comes to view,  
In Him His people have it too ;  
For perfect must His people be ;  
    What else Jehovah tolerate ?  
And less than perfect even He  
    If from perfection He abate.

In Him our righteousness is found  
In fullest measure to abound.  
Nought short of righteousness will do,  
    It is the charm of Paradise ;  
Christ supplements ; this is the clew  
    That Jesus' Gospel glorifies.

In Him sanctification's power  
Comes duly into perfect flower ;  
Decreed it is, and God is just,  
The justified be sanctified ;  
Jehovah justifies the trust  
They have who in the Lord abide.

In Him redemption ripens fair,  
To Him the needy must repair ;  
Than His there is no other name  
Under the heaven given to man  
To give redemption from the shame  
That holds the world beneath a ban.

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Unostentatious is His mien,  
Yet Christ is centre of the scene ;  
All nature instant gives Him ear,  
Responds with swift obedience ;  
E'en lashing winds in mid career  
Submissive cease their violence.

And demons, hateful in their spite,  
Slink back into their proper night ;  
And Satan, head of that bad train,  
Self-willed, determined, ruthless, strong,  
Before the Christ is futile, vain,  
Defeated, he and all his throng.