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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Galatians 6:14 | 3 Nephi 27:13-15

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1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2. For bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
 Save in the death of Christ, my God.
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
 That were an of - f'ring far too small!

My rich - est gain I count but loss
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown!
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Paraphrasing the words of the Apostle Paul, verse 2 refers to “boasting,” or glorying, in the Savior’s atoning sacrifice on the cross (see Galatians 6:14). The text of this hymn was included in an early hymnbook of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1841.

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