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1. Once he came in blessing  
   all our sins redressing,  
   came in likeness lowly,  
   Son of God most holy;  
   bore the cross to save us,  
   hope and freedom gave us.
2. Still he comes within us,  
   still his voice would win us  
   from the sins that hurt us;  
   would to truth convert us  
   from our foolish error,  
   ere he comes in terror.
3. Thus if we have known him,  
   not ashamed to own him,  
   nor have spurned him coldly,  
   but will trust him boldly,  
   he will then receive us,  
   heal us, and forgive us.
4. Those who then are loyal  
   find a welcome royal.  
   Come then, O Lord Jesus,  
   from our sins release us;  
   let us here confess you  
   till in heav'n we bless you.

TEXT: Jan Roh (1544). Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1863), alt.

TUNE: Medieval melody, adapt. Michael Weisse (1531)

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