# Christ Jesus Knew a Wilderness 337

1. Christ Jesus knew a wilderness
of noonday heat and nighttime cold,
of doubts and hungers, new and old,
temptation waiting to take hold.
2. Christ Jesus knew uncertainty.
Would all forsake, deny, betray?
Would crowds that followed turn away?
Would pow'rs of evil hold their sway?
3. Christ Jesus knew an upper room,
an olive grove, a judgment hall,
a skull-like hill, a drink of gall,
an airless tomb, bereft of all.
4. Christ Jesus, in our wilderness,
you are our bread, our drink, our light.
Your death and rising set things right.
Your presence puts our fears to flight.

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