

The Cross (Hymn)

(Mark 15:24-38; Luke 23:42-46; John 19:30)

--Irma B. Williams

**v.1 Just as the evening sacrifice Ascended to God long ago;
That very hour the Lamb of God Was a sacrifice here below.**

**v.2 His face was wan, His strength was gone, His body was mangled and torn;
The passersby would wag their heads, And the soldiers mocked Him to scorn.**

**v. 3 He could not move His hands or feet, What torturing anguish of pain!
Six hours of hanging on the Cross Brought forgiveness from sin's dark stain.**

**v. 4 With more than pain His heart was pierced, The loneliness made Jesus cry,
"My God, You have forsaken Me; O tell Me the reason why."**

First Chorus: vv.1-4

**The Cross upon which Jesus died Was an emblem of suff'ring and shame;
But now it is the symbol of life; Come kneeling in Jesus' name.**

**v. 5 Then Jesus gave the Victor's cry, "It is finished!" the earth shook! God died!
The temple veil was torn in two On the day He was crucified!**

Last Chorus:

**And now He lives forevermore, The Conqueror of death and of hell;
Because He lives, we too shall live, And the glad story ever tell.**