

Cain & Abel

(Gen 4)

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1. Cain came from Eve
Being one of many children
Working his land –
His crops and his vineyard

Close to his brother
Abel the younger
A tender of sheep
From the flocks he had gathered
2. They both worshipped the Lord
With the portions they would bring
Cain brought fruit from the land
His choice for an offering

But Abel knew the cost
Slays a firstborn from his flock
So found favour with God
But his brother did not

Chorus:

Down cast – Cain was down cast
Angry at the Lord
Offended and sore
He became down cast

God speaks – Cain hears God speak
(Just) do what is right
So bring me delight
But at your door lies sin
Refuse to let it in

3. Cain called his brother
Let us walk together
Follow me into the field
There's so much to be seen

But there he struck him down
Abel's blood stained the ground
Now there's blood on his hands
Cain has slain another man

4. A growing darkness in his heart
Tries to hide it from the Lord
No repentance – just pretence
Sinking deeper into sin

Then it came – the dreaded question
Deep to his conscience
How could he answer
“Where is Abel your brother!?”

Chorus 2:

Down cast – angry and down cast
I don't know – he would answer
Am I my brother's keeper?!
So angry and down cast

God speaks – painfully God speaks
What is this you've done?
His blood cries from the ground
Now you will be cursed
A restless wonderer

Instrumental:

Ending:

Driven – from – the ground
Wond'ring around
(He) does not want to be found

Lost in the ways of sin
Far from the Lord
And so fearful of men

A growing family
Would their eyes not see
How blinding pride can be

And even to this day
People run from God
Choose to follow their own ways

But still God speaks...!