

CHRISTUS VICTOR

Drawn into a web of darkness,
Duped and drugged with sin's seduction,
Down we drank the Devil's lie
And were lost within the starkness
Of a wasteland of destruction,
Damned and doomed, condemned to die.

Love Almighty, Love Creator,
Love, Who breathed His image in us,
Love, the awesome Trinity,
Planned to foil the Fabricator,
Planned to plunder hell and win us
By strategic mystery.

God descended and invaded
Human flesh and limitation,
Preaching Heaven's Reign begun,
Waging war where sin pervaded,
Buying reconciliation,
Tasting death for everyone.

Had they known the power hidden
In the Lion's crucifixion,
Hell would not have killed the Son.
Now the human race is bidden
To depart from self-addiction
Through the victory Jesus won.

Christus Victor! God descended
To fulfil the Law's postponement.
Slain, He slew the death we died!
Christ is risen! God ascended!
Sinners, purchased by atonement,
Rise with Christ, the Crucified!

Christ Triumphant! Christus Victor!
Captives freed by hell's disruption
Soar like eagles taking wing!
Ransomed by the Liberator,
Slaves to sin and death's corruption
Gain new life in Christ the King!

— *David L. Hatton, 11/21/1995*