22. Speechless in a World That Suffers

Words: Brian Wren
Music: William Owen, 1852
Descant, Dr. A.E. Stewart-Cook

Unison

1. Speech-less in a world that suffers, seeking
2. Did your love, unseen and holy, seeking
3. Could a loving, wise Creator, seeing
4. Hour by hour, as life advances, as e-
5. Living in a world that suffers, pain and
6. In the grief, by fear undaunted, telling

Descant

1. hope, in prayer we come, sick with warfare rape, and
2. human love and trust, give a law and keep a
3. evil unresolved, stay aloof, a silent
4. terminally you trace all our choices, all the
5. evil fret our mind. Reason ends with broken
6. truth through tearful songs, in the burst of loving

Unison

1. murder, crying out, or stricken, dumb.
2. treaty, though your people turned unjust?
3. ruler, calm, unchanging, uninvolved?
4. chances, howling evil, healing grace,
5. answers. Let us pray, and hope to find,
6. anger, giving strength to tackle wrongs,

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1. Are you loving? Are you listening? Hear our hearts, crying. Why, Oh
2. Did you tend them through affliction, loving still, judging, grieving, weeping, feeling.
3. Could a heart that heard the Savior, near despair, crying, "Why, Oh why, am I a -
4. far beyond our understanding, do you know, weighing every if and why and
5. through each other, joined together, Christ a -  live, caring, bearing evil, giving
6. in a neighbor, in a stranger, show your love, living, glowing, warming, gleaming

1. Why? Will you help, or pass us by?
2. loss, in a foretaste of the cross?
3. lone?", sit unmoved, as cold as stone?
4. where, joy and grief beyond compare?
5. joy that the world cannot destroy.
6. bright, like a candle in the night.

*Use B♭ on descant stanza only.*
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1. Speechless in a world that suffers,
   seeking hope, in prayer we come,
sick with warfare, rape, and murder,
crying out, or stricken, dumb.
Are you loving? Are you listening?
Hear our hearts, crying,
Why, Oh Why, Oh Why, Oh Why?
Will you help, or pass us by?

4. Hour by hour, as life advances,
as eternally you trace
all our choices, all the chances,
howling evil, healing grace,
far beyond our understanding,
do you know, weighing
every if and why and where,
joy and grief beyond compare?

2. Did your love, unseen and holy,
   seeking human love and trust,
give a law and keep a treaty,
though your people turned unjust?
Did you tend them through affliction,
loving still, judging,
grieving, weeping, feeling loss,
in a foretaste of the cross?

5. Living in a world that suffers,
pain and evil fret our mind.
Reason ends with broken answers.
Let us pray, and hope to find,
through each other, joined together,
Christ alive, caring,
bearing evil, giving joy
that the world cannot destroy.

3. Could a loving, wise Creator,
   seeing evil unresolved,
stay aloof, a silent ruler,
calm, unchanging, uninvolved?
Could a heart that heard the Savior,
near despair, crying,
"Why, Oh why, am I alone?",
sit unmoved, as cold as stone?

6. In the grief, by fear undaunted,
telling truth through tearful songs,
in the burst of loving anger,
giving strength to tackle wrongs,
in a neighbor, in a stranger,
show your love, living,
glowing, warming, gleaming bright,
like a candle in the night.

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