The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;
   a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.
2 The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right—
   the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light;
3 the joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,
   to whom he manifests his love and grants his Name to know.
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace, is given;
   their name, an everlasting name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 They suffer with their Lord below,
   their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.
6 The cross he bore is life and health,
   though shame and death to him: his people's hope, his people's wealth,
   their everlasting theme.