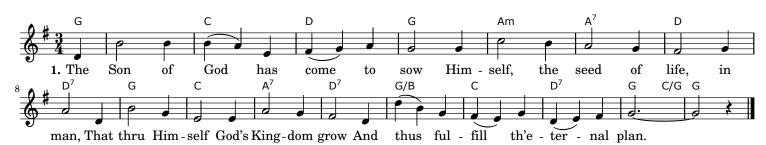
The Son of God has come to sow

The Kingdom — Its Outward Appearance

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- 2. He was the only grain of wheat
 Whence many grains have been produced
 To be the Kingdom's children meet,
 Thru whom God's reign is introduced.
- 3. But Satan, enemy of God,
 Sowed many tares among the wheat,
 The Kingdom's children to confuse,
 And awful damage to create.
- **4.** 'Tis by this subtle work of his, The mixing of the tares with wheat, The Kingdom in appearance is Abnormal and grotesquely great.
- 5. The Kingdom should as mustard be, A little herb, yet good for food, But it has changed into a "tree," A system of great magnitude.
- **6.** Instead of being good for food, A lodge of "birds" it has become: "Tis now a place where evil men And evil spirits make their home.
- 7. A great religion of the world
 Its outward form to us reveals.
 Including pagan, evil things,
 As leaven mingled with the meal.

- 8. A system of the world as such, It thus has changed in outward form; By evil things which it imbibes, Corruption inwardly doth swarm.
- 9. But something hidden God doth seek, As "pearl" and "treasure in the field"; As such the Lord would us transform That pearl and treasure be revealed.
- 10. 'Tis hidden from vast Christendom And from the Kingdom's great facade, Yet in its full reality 'Tis transformed like to Christ and God.
- 11. Lord, separate us from the "tares,"
 And save us from the monstrous "tree";
 From all the "leaven" purge us now
 That we may purely be of Thee.
- 12. May Thou in life transform our souls
 That we as precious stones may be,
 Meet for Thy house to build and in
 Thy Kingdom's full reality.