

Through the Cross, O Lord, I pray

Fulness of the Spirit — By the Cross

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1. First the blood, and then the oint - ment, Cleans - ing, then a - noint - ing
 comes; If we pass not thru Gol - go - tha, Ne'er to Pen - te - cost we'll
 come. If the blood has never cleansed us, Ne'er the Spir - it's pow'r we'll know, If for Christ we'd tru - ly witness, Self - life to the Cross must
Chorus
 go. (C) Through the Cross, O Lord, I pray, Put my soul - life all a -
 way; Make me a - ny price to pay, Full a - noint - ing to re - ceive.

2. Christ, the Rock, must first be smitten,
 That the living water flow;
 Without death the Spirit's fulness
 Ne'er could dwell in man below.
 If with Christ we die completely,
 Willing thus our all to lose,
 He will clothe us with His power
 And to win the world will use.

3. First the altar, then the fire,
 If no loss, there'll be no gain;
 If our all has not been offered,
 To the throne we'll ne'er attain.
 If to sacrifice we're willing,
 All forsaking, God t'obey,
 He to us will be committed
 And thru us His pow'r display.

4. First we must prepare the vessels
 That the Oil they may contain;
 Dig the valley full of ditches
 That they may be filled with Rain.
 First we must go thru the Jordan
 Ere anointed from above;
 First in death we must be baptized,
 Then experience the Dove.

5. When we see the ripened harvest
 Of the golden countryside,
 We may know that many seeds have
 Fallen to the earth and died.
 Ere the fruit of life may blossom,
 We must surely suffer death;
 If with Christ we've not been buried,
 We'll not feel the Spirit's breath.

6. Since it must be thus, I pray, Lord,
 Help me go the narrow way;
 Deal with pride and make me willing
 Thus to suffer, Thee t'obey.
 I for greater power pray not,
 Deeper death is what I need;
 All the meaning of the Cross, Lord,
 Work in me—for this I plead.