

Why

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We rode into town the other day just me and my daddy
He said I'd finally reached that age
And I could ride next to him on a horse
That of course was not quite as wide
We heard a crowd of people shouting
And so we stopped to find out why
And there was that man that my dad said he loved
But today there was fear in his eyes
So I said, "Daddy why are they screaming?
Why are the faces of some of them beaming?
Why is he dressed in that bright purple robe?
I'll bet that crown hurts him more than he shows"
"Daddy please can't you do something?
He looks as if though he's gonna cry
You said He was stronger than all of those guys
Daddy please tell me why, why does everyone want him to die?
Later that day the sky grew cloudy
And daddy said I should go inside
Somehow he knew things would get stormy, Lord, was he right?
But I could not keep from wondering
If there was something he had to hide
So after he left I had to find out, I was not afraid of getting lost
So I followed the crowds to a hill where I knew men had been killed
And I heard a voice come from the cross
And it said, "Father why are they screaming?
Why are the faces of some of them beaming?
Why are they casting their lives for my own?
This crown of thorns hurts me more than it shows"
"Father, please can't you do something?
I know that you must hear my cry
I thought I could handle a cross of this size
Father remind me why, why does everyone want me to die?
When will I understand why?"
"For my precious son, I hear them screaming
I'm watching the face of the enemy beaming
But soon I will clothe you in robes of my own
Jesus, this hurts me much more than you know
But this dark hour I must do nothing
Though I've heard you unbearable cries
The power in your blood destroys all of the lies
Soon you'll see past their unmerciful eyes
Look there below, see the child
Trembling by her father's side
Now I can tell you why
She is why you must die

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