

171 A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

1 A Sow - er came from an - cient hills and cast good
 2 A Sow - er walked through - out the land and, ev - ery -
 3 The Seed was bur - ied deep in death be - neath a
 4 O Christ, you come a - mong us still, the Sow - er

seed a - broad: his field, ten thou - sand hu - man hearts; his
 where he trod, he sowed his life be - cause he was him -
 blood - red sky, and deep - er still was bur - ied hope for
 and the Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in

seed, the word of God. And some who lis - tened would not
 self the Seed of God. But then, a - top a bar - ren
 those who watched him die. But then, in Jo - seph's gar - den
 glow - ing word and deed, im - plant your Word in wait - ing

hear, and some who heard for - got. But some re - ceived in
 hill, be - neath a dark - ening sky, they threw God's Seed on
 fair, as dawn broke o'er the land, the Seed, from three days'
 hearts, and let it there take hold, un - til it bears in

fer - tile soil the truth the Sow - er taught.
 ston - y ground and left it there to die.
 si - lent sleep, a - woke at God's com - mand!
 fruit - ful lives a har - vest hun - dred - fold.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

All three synoptic gospels record both the telling and the explanation of Jesus' parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23/Mark 4:3-8, 14-20/Luke 8:5-8, 11-15). Because the seed equals "the word," Jesus (as the Word made flesh) becomes the Seed in this expansion of the parable.

1 Blest are they, the poor in
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly
 3 Blest are they, who show
 4 Blest are they, who seek I
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer

king - dom of God. Blest
 her - it the earth. Blest
 shall be theirs. Blest
 chil - dren of God. Blest
 cause of me. Re - joice

full of sor - row; they shall
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall
 pure of heart; they shall
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of
 yours is the king - dom; shine for

Re - joice and be glad!

ho - ly are you! Re - joice
 Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Mount reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's v