

## CHRISTUS VICTOR

Drawn into a web of darkness,  
Duped and drugged with sin's seduction,  
Down we drank the Devil's lie  
And were lost within the starkness  
Of a wasteland of destruction,  
Damned and doomed, condemned to die.

Love Almighty, Love Creator,  
Love, Who breathed His image in us,  
Love, the awesome Trinity,  
Planned to foil the Fabricator,  
Planned to plunder hell and win us  
By strategic mystery.

God descended and invaded  
Human flesh and limitation,  
Preaching Heaven's Reign begun,  
Waging war where sin pervaded,  
Buying reconciliation,  
Tasting death for everyone.

Had they known the power hidden  
In the Lion's crucifixion,  
Hell would not have killed the Son.  
Now the human race is bidden  
To depart from self-addiction  
Through the victory Jesus won.

Christus Victor! God descended  
To fulfil the Law's postponement.  
Slain, He slew the death we died!  
Christ is risen! God ascended!  
Sinners, purchased by atonement,  
Rise with Christ, the Crucified!

Christ Triumphant! Christus Victor!  
Captives freed by hell's disruption  
Soar like eagles taking wing!  
Ransomed by the Liberator,  
Slaves to sin and death's corruption  
Gain new life in Christ the King!

-- *David L. Hatton, 11/21/95*