

## 287 - Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

1. Jesus, I will ponder now  
On Thy holy Passion;  
With Thy Spirit me endow  
For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish  
Of Thy suff'ring, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.

2. Make me see Thy great distress,  
Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
And Thy crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod,  
Spear and nails, did wound Thee.  
How for man Thou diedst, O God,  
Who with thorns had crowned Thee.

3. Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
Make me see Thy Passion,  
But its cause to me make known  
And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin  
Wrought Thy deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause hath been  
Of Thy crucifixion.

4. Grant that I Thy Passion view  
With repentant grieving,  
Nor Thee crucify anew  
By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun  
Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son  
Suffered without measure?