

'He Is Not Here'

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The deepest silence held
As I walked to the grave
I had no more to give
To him who always gave
Too late, I found the words
I know I should have said
And now that he was gone,
I knew that love was dead.

The trees I passed were bare
A memory of leaves
I saw with my mind's eye
My Lord between two thieves
But then the rocks and stones
All seemed to hold their breath
As if they knew that life
Had broken free from death

Chorus:

*What do you seek?
He is not here
Come see the place
Where Christ has cast out fear
The world you knew
Has passed away
Rise up and claim
This resurrection day*

Outside of earthly time
I sensed this garden stood,
As if a living shoot
Had grown from winter's wood.
I only came to mourn,
To tend this fallen bloom
But found new signs of life
Inside an empty tomb.

What do you seek?...

I cannot hope to grasp
What lies beyond my reach
I strain to find the words
That lie beyond my speech
It was my master's voice,
And hanging in the air
The scent of unseen flowers
Seemed to linger there.

What do you seek?...

Then from the grave I walked,
And in the morning sun
I found new hope in him
And all his pain had won
I saw a world still touched
By early morning dew
With heaven in my eyes
I say these words to you

What do you seek?..