

chorus
melody
1. bass soloist sings last line only
2. instrumental whole
3. all sing first verse
4. ladies sing verse two, with soloists scatting
5. all sing third verse
6. men sing verse four, with soloists scatting
7. all sing verse five

lis- ten for the blood cry- ing out from the ground
let it be a sign on the door of our heart
if a- tones a life we wear it with this robe
God's sa- cri- fice made in my place left with stains
no pro- phet re- mune- ing us to shed blood

see this wa- ter turns in- to blood just like that
on the al- tar place to sprinkle it shame for your sins
ta- king a- way guilt cov- ering drops of sweat no price left
inn- with think this blood- ing king sweat jus- ti- fy
re- con- died

every where flow- ing through gush- ing out ta- king life

let Your blood be on us & on our children

duet: S&A
the cross we bear the cross we bear precedes comes before the crown we wear
the cross we bear precedes the crown we wear- the cross we bear precedes the crown we

wear- the weight of the world's problems weigh us down- our darkest fears the shame all the guilt the burden of sin's consequences to face the pain

the fading hope reign- the troubles we face in everyday life- the dream I've lost this life worse than death the memories that we cannot for- I can't go on

the suffering the orphan child the poor everyone the nobodies the broken promises that can't be kept the lost trust the innocence denied

solo - A each time getting faster more groan like, more intense, more fearful
my God- my God- why have You for-
attack each note, m changes each time: minims, crotchets, quavers etc

sa- ken ne?- my God my God why- have- You for-

sa- ken ne?-

quartet - SATB soloists

at the cross of Je- sus
 grace, abounds to all
 blood poured out for sin, made
 God's sac-ri-fice

mercy flows for- give- ness comes love re- vealed in scars
 death over- comes life it- self we're now re- con- ciled
 giving us a- tone-ment's gif

redemption has arrived salvation has been made glo- ry to the King

the triumph over sin the vict'ry over death God has done it all

despised in our lives not knowing who He is suffered cru- ci- fied

rejected by us all His worship was the cost worthy is the Lamb!

solo - T

what happened to Your voice? what happened to Your miracles? what happened to sa- ving this na- tion?
what happened to the plan? how's this gonna deliver us? Your followers a-ban- doned You quickly

is this the end of time? can You even de- fend Yourself? so are You really God or just a man?
religious leaders win the powerful will rule again we need a nother strat- e- gy or else?

why are they gonna win? what happened to the promises? You gave life to the dead can't You keep life?
You let Your people down why did You create mirages? Eli- jah stayed a- live so why can't You?

Why You led us to be- lieve so what are we supposed to do? as this what happened to all God's prophets?
 You gave us hope again so why is it now vanishing? so what are we left with? just the enemies

Why messiah's don't get killed we wanted You to overcome a week a-go You rode in as the King
 who are we to turn to? these expectations crumbling another dis- a- point-ment in his- t'ry

why can't You ans- wer these ques- tions? You saved others

why not Your- self? Where's Your God now? what's He do-

ing? why should this happ- en to a righ- teous man?

duet S&T

The musical score is written for a duet (Soprano and Tenor) and piano accompaniment. It consists of five systems, each with four measures. The piano part is written in G major, 4/4 time, and features a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The vocal parts have lyrics in each measure.

System 1:

- Measure 1: it is finished
- Measure 2: it has ended
- Measure 3: the time is up
- Measure 4: it's all over

System 2:

- Measure 1: all the fighting
all the sin
- Measure 2: all the sacrifices
all the anger
- Measure 3: all the laughter
all the guilt and shame
all the crying
- Measure 4: all the pain it is
the humiliation

System 3:

- Measure 1: finished all the words
all the fear
- Measure 2: the broken promises
all the despair
- Measure 3: all the working
worshipping all the trying
- Measure 4: all the prayers it is
never lonely again

System 4:

- Measure 1: finished all the failure
all the time
- Measure 2: the empty successes
all the darkness
- Measure 3: my hopelessness
brokenness all the struggles
- Measure 4: all the plans it is
questions with no answers

all
1. sopranos 7. basses
3. tenors 2, 4, 6. all
3. altos

God is dead the god of our na- king the God of crea- tion is dead
the god of our wis- dom the god of enforce- ment
the god of our jus- tice the god who leads bat-tles
the god of myster- ies gone the god of our judg- ment
derangements the god of our mys- the god of hard- is
the god of our only four- society's king- dom
the god of our mi- sis the god of the lan- ons

strike a bell on 2nd and 4th beat simile

all

God is dead! the god of poli- tics the god of punish- ment is dead
the god of our i- deas the god of our i- deals
the god of elec- tions the god of our i- ches
the god of high stan- dards the god of self in- rest
the god of worship- ping the god of sacri- fice
the rulers of the world the arrogant po- wers
the god of all ter- ror the god of the oth- ers

all

God is dead! the god of fra- ci- sm the god of the weal- thy is dead
the god who chooses some the god of the win- ners
the god we've forgot- ten the god we rene- ber
the god of impor- tance the god of big suc- cess
authority re- moved the god of ma- ges
important issues di- min- ished the god of national- pride
the god of ene- mies the god of all of- fenses the god of all of- fenses

bass soloist
[sing the lowest note possible]

God is dead! God is dead!

School of Grace:

Reading: Hebrews 10:1-25; John 19:1-37

In the 1960s there was a Newsweek cover that sent shock waves through Christian theology. The cover was simply in large, red letters Is God dead? against a black background. There was outrage and no doubt the mailman at Newsweek had to carry much heavy mailbags. The idea came from a quote by Nietzsche, and the Christian theologians had developed this school around the idea that society had lost an understanding of transcendence, of sacred. From that, they proposed a post-Christian culture was needed to regain that idea.

I won't go into all the complexities of the debate, of the variations between its proponents, or of the reactions by other schools of theology. But it did raise one question that haunts all of us?

Do we actually see God as He really is? Or are we holding on to our traditions, our ideas, our beliefs instead? Christianity has always had this problem. It is based around a person. A being. Something that is ephemeral, not easily defined. Not easily pigeon-holed. All our practices and beliefs emerge from trying to understand Jesus. They all come from trying to get a unified picture from the opposing positions that the Bible presents. They all come from holding human thought as authoritative. They all come from judging history, from choosing which experiences are acceptable.

The cross strips all of that away. All of it is merely the human games we play, conceived in a right-wrong continuum. The cross might use that continuum, but it reveals that we are wrong, everything we have done is wrong. Anything we think is right, even if it happens to be so, doesn't amount to anything with all the wrong it can bring. The cross strips away our infallibility. The cross strips away our self-righteousness. The cross ends our ability to do good.

It is when we have learnt this hard, painful lesson, we begin to see our rich grace is. It is not merely something to fill the gap between our righteousness and God's standard. It is all of our righteousness. We bring nothing. Have achieved nothing. Mercy is given, not because we deserve it, but we need it, just like we need air to breath.

God is dead.

Do you see it as good news or bad news?

For the answer will tell you much about yourself and the 'God' you believe in.

**Listen for the blood crying out from the ground
See this water turns into blood just like that**

**Everywhere flowing through
Gushing out taking life**

Let Your blood be on us & on our children

**Let it be a sign on the door of our hearts
On the altar place sprinkle it for your sins**

**It atones my life I wear it with this robe
Taking away guilt cov'ring shame no price left**

**God's sacrifice made in my place left with stains
Innocence restored drops of sweat justify**

**No prophet immune as we rush to shed blood
I will drink this blood making peace reconciled**

**The cross we bear precedes the crown we wear
The weight of the world's problems weigh us down
Our darkest fears the shame all the guilt
The burden of sin's consequences reign
To face the pain the fading hope
The troubles we face in everyday life
The dreams I've lost this life worse than death
The memories that we cannot forget
I can't go on the suffering the orphan child
The broken promises that can't be kept
The lost trust the innocence denied
The poor everyone the nobodies**

**My God My God why have You forsaken me?
My God My God why have You forsaken me?**

**At the cross of Jesus grace abounds to all
Mercy flows forgiveness comes love revealed in scars
At the cross of Jesus blood poured out for sin
Death overcomes life itself broken by our nails**

**Redemption has arrived salvation has been made
Glory to the King
The triumph over sin the vict'ry over death
God has done it all
Despised in our lives not knowing who He is
Suffered crucified
Rejected by us all His worship was the cost
Worthy is the Lamb!**

**At the cross of Jesus God's sacrifice made
Giving us atonement's gift we're now reconciled**

**What happened to Your voice?
What happened to Your miracles?
What happened to saving this nation?
Is this the end of time?
Can You even defend Yourself?
So are You really God or just a man?
Why are they gonna win?
What happened to the promises?
You gave life to the dead can't You keep life?
You led us to believe so what are we supposed to do?
Is this what happened to all God's prophets?
Messiah's don't get killed we wanted You to overcome
A week ago You rode in as the King**

**Why can't You answer these questions?
You saved others why not Yourself?
Where's Your God now? What's He doing?
Why should this happen to a righteous man?**

**What happened to the plan? How's this gonna deliver us?
Your followers abandoned You quickly
Religious leaders win the powerful will rule again
We need another strategy or else?
You let Your people down Why did You create mirages?
Elijah stayed alive so why can't You?
You gave us hope again so why is it now vanishing?
So what are we left with? Just the mem'ries
Who are we to turn to? These expectations crumbling
Another disappointment in history**

**It is finished it has ended the time is up it's all over
All the sin all the fighting all the anger
All the sacrifices all the guilt & shame
All the laughter all the crying all the pain
The humiliation it is finished all the fear
All the words all the despair the broken promises
All the worshipping all the working
All the trying all the prayers never lonely again
It is finished all the time all the failure
All the darkness the empty successes
All the brokenness my hopelessness
All the struggles all the plans
Questions with no answers it is finished**

**God is dead the god of our making
The God of creation is dead
God is dead the god of politics
The god of punishment is dead
God is dead the god of racism
The god of the wealthy is dead**

**God is dead the god of our wisdom
The god of enforcement is dead
God is dead the god of our ideas
The god of our ideals is dead
God is dead the god who chooses some
The god of the winners is dead**

**God is dead the god of our justice
The god who leads battles is dead
God is dead the god of elections
The god of our churches is dead
God is dead the god we've forgotten
The god we remember is dead**

**God is dead the god of mysteries
The god of judgment is dead
God is dead the god of high standards
The god of self-interest is dead
God is dead the god of importance
The god of big success is dead**

**God is dead denominations gone
The god of barriers is dead
God is dead the god of worshipping
The god of sacrifices is dead
God is dead authority removed
The god of miracles is dead**

**God is dead the god of our culture
Society's kingdom is dead
God is dead the rulers of the world
The arrogant power is dead
God is dead important issues dimmed
The god of national pride is dead**

**God is dead the god of our music
The god of the famous is dead
God is dead the god of all terror
The god of the others is dead
God is dead the god of enemies
The god of all of us is dead**

God is dead! God is dead!