CHRIST IN THE RUBBLE

1. O Christ, beneath the fallen stones,
   Nailed fast to twisted bars of steel,
   And slain in flesh and blood and bones,
   Pierced by the fear all mortals feel:
   Arise from ash and dust and death,
   And breathe into crushed hearts new Breath.

2. O Christ, among the wreckage shorn
   Of hope for those who lie dead,
   Yet bathed in sweat of labors borne
   To free the grieving from their dread:
   Arise from our despair’s long night,
   And pour upon us living Light.

3. O Christ, within a world at war,
   Where love and hate fight for the soul,
   And all sights trained on death see far,
   But only Love can see the whole:
   Arise from unforgiving pain,
   And teach us how to love again.

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