

Our Saviour's Love (as collected)

Collected by
Bob Patten and Andrew Taylor 1977

Sung by Charley Williams (68)
of Brockweir, Glos

Have you not heard of our dear saviour's love?

5

And how he suffered like some harmless dove?

9

Still we in all our wickedness remain,

13

Christ will not shed his blood for us again.

Detailed description: The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature changes throughout the piece: 3/4, 4/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4, 4/4, 3/4, and 4/4. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 5, 9, and 13 indicating the start of new lines of music. The piece ends with a double bar line.

First line variation for verse 2 & 3

Variations V. 2&3

Give to the poor and you lend it to the Lord. (etc.)

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Give to the poor for you lend it to the Lord;
The cheerful giver God will well reward.

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The sin of drunkenness leave off in time,
For this is a [notorious crime]. [Singer sounds unsure of these words]
Live sober lives [singer pauses appearing to forget the words and then suggests] and let your conscience clear
?For? somehow death may come no tongue can tell

Song as recorded by Bob Patten and Andrew Taylor and transcribed by Pat Palmer

Source: Recording of Charley Williams (b.1909) in 1977 and published in 'Let Us Be Merry'

- Notes:
1. Known in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, circulated on ballad sheets. Brockweir, where the singer was born and brought up is near Monmouth, where printed.
 2. words not supplied by singer

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