## Why

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We rode into town the other day just me and my daddy He said I'd finally reached that age And I could ride next to him on a horse That of course was not quite as wide

We heard a crowd of people shouting And so we stopped to find out why And there was that man that my dad said he loved But today there was fear in his eyes

So I said, "Daddy why are they screaming? Why are the faces of some of them beaming? Why is he dressed in that bright purple robe? I'll bet that crown hurts him more than he shows"

"Daddy please can't you do something? He looks as if though he's gonna cry You said He was stronger than all of those guys Daddy please tell me why, why does everyone want him to die?

Later that day the sky grew cloudy And daddy said I should go inside Somehow he knew things would get stormy, Lord, was he right? But I could not keep from wondering

If there was something he had to hide So after he left I had to find out, I was not afraid of getting lost So I followed the crowds to a hill where I knew men had been killed And I heard a voice come from the cross

And it said, "Father why are they screaming? Why are the faces of some of them beaming? Why are they casting their lives for my own? This crown of thorns hurts me more than it shows"

"Father, please can't you do something? I know that you must hear my cry I thought I could handle a cross of this size Father remind me why, why does everyone want me to die? When will I understand why?"

For my precious son, I hear them screaming I'm watching the face of the enemy beaming But soon I will clothe you in robes of my own Jesus, this hurts me much more than you know

But this dark hour I must do nothing Though I've heard you unbearable cries The power in your blood destroys all of the lies Soon you'll see past their unmerciful eyes

Look there below, see the child Trembling by her father's side Now I can tell you why She is why you must die

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