

Must Jesus Bear

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Verse 1

G Am G/B C
Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
G D
And all the world go free?
G Am G/B C
No, there's a cross for everyone,
G D C
And there's a cross for me.

Verse 2

How happy are the saints above, Who once went sorrowing here!
But now they taste unmingled love, And joy without a tear.

Chorus

Em D C G
I take up my cross and follow Thee
Em D C
no matter where You lead
Em D C G
I take up my cross denying myself
C Em D C D G
You are my only need You are my only need

Verse 3

The consecrated cross I'll bear 'til death shall set me free;
And then go home my crown to wear, For there's a crown for me.

Verse 4

Upon the crystal pavement down At Jesus' piercèd feet,
Joyful I'll cast my golden crown And His dear Name repeat.

Verse 5

O precious cross! O glorious crown! O resurrection day!
When Christ the Lord from Heav'n comes down & bears my soul away.

It should be noted that the message of this song is not to say that Christ's propitiatory suffering was insufficient for salvation; rather it is pleading with believers to remember that because Christ suffered, we too ought to lay down our life, take up our cross, and follow Him, wherever He may lead.