Hymn for Lent • Two Voices

1. O-pen, oh hard and sin-ful heart,
   God will re-turn to heed you.
   Think of His pain and bit-ter part,
   let not more guilt im-pede you!
   He who to pe-nance is in-spired,
   shall then in truth be liv-ing.
   The sinner’s death God ne’er de-sired,
   His mer-cy is for-giv-ing.

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Open your eyes, believe, be wise:

with God there's no pretending.

Your sorry soul in danger lies

of death and pains unending.

Come back, come back, O wayward one.

Shake off the sins that bind you.

Surely God's own almighty Throne

plentiful grace will find you.

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3. Open your heart, your God behold,
with out-stretched hands so tender,
on the dread cross in grief untold
His life for you surrender.
A trembling rends the hardest stone,
sun, moon, and stars are darkened.
Are you unsoftened, you alone,
have you to Him not hardened?

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