**Why Lord, O Why?**

Why Lord, O why

is this where we are?

Why Lord, O why

all the sorrow we bear?

Land dispossessed

Our humanity scarred

Why Lord, O why Lord

is this where we are?

Why Lord, O why

such injustice, abuse

language and law,

and culture suppressed?

Sovereignty stolen

and spirit despised

we, church complicit

before mournful eyes?

How Lord, O how

could this happen, recur?

How Lord, O Lord

have we somehow not learned?

Apathy, silence

have marked our response

Where was compassion?

And at such a cost!

Hear Lord, O hear

Our deep “Sorry” … our pain;

dishon’ring First People’s

for our sinful gain, we

pray restoration, forgiveness, renewal;

that we’ll walk together

as one, born in you

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