

Worthy, God, of All Devotion

Rev. 4:11, 5:9-14

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Worthy, God, of all devotion,
earth and ocean's praise You are!
Worthy - all made well and govern;
laud and love earn near and far.
Worthy, You exist innately,
Uncreate, Eternal Light.
Worthy nothing is beside You,
none abide, too pure the sight!

Worthy, You alone are holy,
we are lowly, base, and bare.
You lack nothing; we are needful,
ever heedful of Your care.
Worthy, You in Christ descended,
leaving splendid heaven's height,
here for man to hang and suffer,
rude and rough for rebels' plight!

Worthy let the scattered millions,
let the trillion suns confess;
let the seasons each in passing,
grace amassing, grace express.
Most of all let us, Your people
stand, in deep allegiance held;
we above all earthly creatures
formed of features so compelled.

But to think that from disdain
ne'er refraining have we turned!
Raise we rather will's defiance -
sin's alliance undiscerned.
Ever do we crave forgiveness
fresh to live this life thereof:
You have ever welcomed humble
hearts to plumb almighty love.

Yea, to give You true, unswerving
trust - deserving You have shown!
gracious, You such faith have granted,
Spirit-planted, yet our own!
Blessed are we! through black unbroken
You have spoken the domain
of Your marvelous mercy: hardened
souls are pardoned as You deign.

Who is like You, God, forgiving
sin lest living souls should die?
Who like You has such compassion
in what fashion to supply
sinners with Your great salvation?
Exultation moves our tongue
to rejoice in it forever,
never, never ceasing song.

Worthy are You that all blessing,
worth-confessing should ensue.
O, to see the world enjoining,
then deploying praise anew!
Faith sees mightily the kingdom;
Christ shall bring dominion down.
He is ever new-creating,
reinstating 'neath His crown. *Amen.*