

## CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN 137: OH DARKEST WOE

Please remember that songs are interpreted much differently than sermons or liturgy. It is important to keep the rhythm of the music when interpreting songs. Just as English sung hymns must change their word order for their stanzas to rhyme and therefore may 'sound' strange if strictly spoken; signed hymns must also at times change their sign order to keep the proper rhythm of the song and may 'look' strange if strictly signed. Rhythm is very important.

1. Oh darkest woe O tears forth flow Has earth so sad a wonder?

Oh worst anguish oh cry-cry <four fingers> / earth true sad happen

God the Father's only Son Now is buried yonder

God Father only Son / finish bury far

2. Oh sorrow dread God's Son is dead But by his expiation

True sad terrible / God Son dead / however his punishment

Of our guilt upon the cross Gained for us salvation

Our guilt on cross / receive our salvation

3. Lo stained with blood The Lamb of God The Bridegroom lies before you

See blotch blood / Lamb God / husband Jesus lay-down in-presence-of

Pouring out his life that he May to life restore you

Surrender his life what-for? / can life \*he-give-you again

4. How blest shall be Eternally Who oft in faith will ponder

True bless true / forever / person often faith consider

Why the glorious Prince of life Should be buried yonder

Reason glory prince life / must-must bury far

5. O Jesus blest My Help and Rest With tears I now entreat you

Oh Jesus bless / my help and satisfaction / with tears now plead-plead

Make me love you to the last Till in heaven I greet you

\*you-help-me love you to end / finally <success> heaven \*meet-face-to-face

- Words with **hyphenation** are ASL signs.
- Words in **parentheses** may or may not be signed, depending on your audience. If they are more English, you may want to add the words.
- Words in <> are definitions for the previous word as the previous word has more than one sign.
- Words in **quotation marks** are words to be dramatized as if you are the speaker.
- Words with **asterisks** should be signed as a directional sign.