



Anthem: Crown Him!

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DIADEMATA

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quoting HYMN TO JOY (L.v. Beethoven)
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(ASCAP)

In the book of Revelation, John's vision includes the victorious return of Christ crowned with many crowns. He comes to judge all people righteously, to war against evil and injustice, and to defeat Satan for eternity.

The Rider on the White Horse – Revelation 19: 11-13; 16

Vs. 11-13 "I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God." Vs. 16 "On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." NIV

The anthem lyrics beautifully describe Jesus' glorious coming, His final victory, and His majestic and joyful reign "through all eternity."

Prayer: Lord, God Almighty, our music is in your honor as we celebrate the Risen Christ. We sing these words and play this music as our best praise and adoration we have to offer. May these be pleasing to you and lift high the name of Jesus as the Lord of love, the Lord of life, and the Lord of heaven. Amen.

Anthem Lyrics

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as the matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love: Behold His hands and side--
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save:
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified!