



Anthem: "Give Me Jesus"

Traditional Spiritual  
Setting by Douglas E. Wagner

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Matthew 6:19-21

In the scripture, Jesus warns us about letting earthly things become more important than our relationship with God. In the recent year, we here in Southwest Louisiana understand what can happen to material things. All these things of the world such as material possessions, personal achievement, social standing, and wealth are positive things to be used for good, but their place is behind our relationship, commitment, and contentment with Jesus.

In simple lovely verse, the anthem lyrics remind us when we have need of Jesus.

Verse 1 - in our times of sorrow

Verse 2 - on our deathbed

Verse 3 - in dark and difficult days

Verse 4 – literally - at the start of a new day on earth OR

figuratively - on the day we rise up to Heaven and see Jesus Himself

Prayer: Lord, help me see myself without the things of this world. In doing so, I am humbled, and acknowledge that what matters most is Jesus in this world and the next. Amen.

### **Anthem Lyrics**

I heard a mourner say, Give me Jesus.

You may have all this world. Give me Jesus.

O, when I come to die, Give me Jesus.

Your may have all this world. Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, Jesus. Give me Jesus.

You may have all this world. Give me Jesus.

In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus.

You may have all this world. Give me Jesus.

