I Cannot Tell

TUNE: O Danny Boy (LONDONDERRY AIR)

1. I cannot tell why He, the King of Heaven,
   Should leave the peace of all eternity,
   Why God Himself should lay aside His splendor,
   To leave the Father's side and come to me.

2. I cannot tell why He, the Joy of Heaven,
   Should give Himself to suffer for my sin,
   Why Holy God should love me in my shameful ness,
   Why He should die to draw my soul to Him.

3. I cannot tell when He will rule the nations,
   How He will claim His loved ones as His own;
   And who can tell the holy jubilation
   When all His children gather 'round His throne.

WORDS: Ken Bible, inspired by William Y. Fullerton
MUSIC: Traditional Irish Melody

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LEAD-IN: Christ Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing. Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. (Philippians 2:6-7a, 9-11, NIV)

TOPICS: Life of Christ; Jesus’ Suffering & Death; Easter; Christmas; Eternal Life; Praise & Worship; Knowing Christ

But this I know: our silence filled with singing,
But this I know: that Christ the Lord is risen,
But this I know: all flesh will see His glory,

And all our darkness fled from heaven's light
And praise His name, He's risen now in me!
And skies will burst as all creation sings.

When Christ the Lord, so human, yet so holy,
Because He lives, I'll rise to life eternal!
The Son will rise on one eternal morning.

In love was born a child for me that holy night!
He took my guilty heart, and I'm forever free!
When Christ, the Savior of the world, is Lord and King!
LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

A Fascinating Person

We hear about Jesus in church all the time. But have you ever been curious about Him yourself? Have you ever wanted to know more about Him? Just get a Bible and read one of the gospels, start to finish. There are four to choose from. Each tells Jesus’ story with its own unique emphasis and style:

MATTHEW proves that Jesus is the Messiah. It includes wonderful teaching sections, like the Sermon on the Mount.

MARK is short and to the point, filled with action.

LUKE has a great eye for colorful detail. He brings women into the story more often than any other writer.

JOHN is thoughtful and reflective. He talks simply and eloquently about who Jesus is and what He means to us.

Whichever gospel you choose, you'll find Jesus a truly unique, fascinating individual. He was always His own person, but in an unselfconscious way. Talk about “marching to the beat of a different drummer,” He lived with an open line to God His Father. Jesus listened to Him and talked to Him freely. He loved Him and lived to please Him. He only said what the Father told Him to say, only did what the Father led and enabled Him to do. Jesus made himself totally dependent on His Father. He trusted Him completely and constantly.

As a result, He was amazing. He was radical. He was confrontive and fearless. He was natural. He was gentle.

He taught grand truths by telling stories–simple stories drawn from common, everyday life. The needs of people moved Him to compassion. And when He was moved, He always did something to meet the need. He taught. He healed. He fed. He gave of himself and whatever He had.

His ministry lasted only three short years. There was so much to do, and he was always active, always about His Father's work. Yet He never seemed hurried or tense. I guess that's one of the things I admire most about Him. While He was singleminded and focused, He never bristled at interruptions. He was always open to people and their concerns.

Jesus came to show us what God our Father is like and how He feels about us. The picture is a beautiful one.

Pick one of the Gospels and discover this fascinating Person for yourself.

Discover what He has to do with you and your life.
Discover God as you've never seen Him before.

Discover Jesus.