

## Suffering Servant

*Paraphrased from Isaiah 52:13 – 53:9*

Hear Isaiah's prophecy describing Jesus' sacrificial death,  
written centuries before His coming:

See the Servant!  
His appearance is so disfigured,  
    He barely seems human.  
There is absolutely nothing attractive about Him.  
He is a man of sorrow, pain, and profound grief.

His own people despise Him and  
    turn their backs on Him.  
They don't even want to *look* at Him.  
They consider Him *cursed*.  
Surely God is punishing Him for some horrific sin!

But He is bearing *our* guilt.  
He is carrying *our* sorrows.  
*Our* sins are wounding Him, and  
    *our* wickedness is crushing Him.  
All His pain, all His suffering are for *our* healing.

We are like sheep.  
We have all wandered away, and  
    the Lord is laying on Him  
    the punishment due to each and every one of us.

With all this abuse and injustice,  
    He never resists and never complains.  
    He never opens His mouth.  
He is like an innocent lamb being  
    meekly, silently  
    led to the slaughter.

Hymn: [Isaiah 53](#)