

## When Jesus learned his friend had died

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**W**hen Jesus learned his friend had died,  
in sympathy and pain, he cried,  
    though this was not the end.  
The people saw that Jesus cared,  
but wondered why he had not spared  
    the life of his dear friend.

Then Jesus went to see the grave,  
and standing there, before the cave,  
    said, “Take away the stone!”  
He prayed to God for all to hear  
so that the message would be clear:  
    “Through me may God be known!

“In me, you live if you believe;  
and those who live in me receive  
    my life, though they may die.”  
Then Jesus called out with a shout,  
“Dear Lazarus, my friend, come out!”  
    The dead man heard the cry.

When loved ones fall to death’s dread sleep,  
like Jesus, we can freely weep  
    and give our anguished breath.  
With Christ, we turn to face the cross  
where he confronted pain and loss  
    and rose, defeating death.

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