223 I See the Crowd In Pilate's Hall

1 I see the crowd in Pilate's hall; Their furious cries I hear; Their shouts of "Crucify!" appall, Their curses fill my ear. And of that shouting multitude I feel that I am one, And in that din of voices rude I recognize my own. 2 I see the scourgers rend the flesh Of God's belovèd Son; And as they smite I feel afresh That I of them am one. Around the cross the throng I see That mock the Sufferer's groan, Yet still my voice it seems to be, As if I mocked alone.

May be sung to tune No. 222 on opposite page 3 'Twas my sins shed the sacred blood,
That nailed Him to the tree;
I crucified the Christ of God,
I joined the mockery.
Yet not the less that blood avails
To cleanse me from my sins,
And not the less that cross prevails
To give me peace within.