

# I Was Poor as the Poorest

Frank H. Mashaw, 1899

Joseph Lincoln Hall

♩=98

1. I was poor as the poor - est out - cast from the fold, I  
2. I was poor as the poor - est, I shrank from the throng, I  
3. I was poor as the poor - est, I wan - dered a - lone, No  
4. I was poor as the poor - est; He came from the sky With  
5. I was poor as the poor - est till Je - sus stooped low And

sank by the way - side with hun - ger and cold; But He bade me look up, all His  
hid in the dark - ness that dwelt with me long; But He came like the morn - ing with  
dwell - ing I had, and my pil - low a stone; But I heard some - one whis - per, "My  
love that was death - less for sin - ners to die; And He bled on the cross, and my  
washed all my sins of the white - ness of snow; And so that is the rea - son I

*Refrain*  
rich - es be - hold; O the wealth of the world is Je - sus.  
sun - light and song, Now the light of my life is Je - sus.  
child, still My own"; Now the peace of my heart is Je - sus. I was poor as the poor - est out -  
heart said, "'Tis I"; Now the love in my soul is Je - sus.  
love Him, you know; O the wealth of the world is Je - sus.

- cast from the fold, But He gave me great trea - sures of sil - ver and gold, And a

man - sion a - bove that will ne - ver grow old, For the wealth of the world is Je - sus.