

- CAN we by searching find out God
or formulate his ways?
can numbers measure what he is
or words contain his praise?
- 2 Although his being is too bright
for human eyes to scan,
his meaning lights our shadowed world
through Christ, the Son of Man.
- 3 Our boastfulness is turned to shame,
our profit counts as loss,
when earthly values stand beside
the manger and the cross.
- 4 We there may recognise his light,
may kindle in its rays,
find there the source of penitence,
the starting-point for praise.
- 5 There God breaks in upon our search,
makes birth and death his own:
He speaks to us in human terms
to make his glory known.

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