

My Neighbor

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♩ = 100

1. Un - - clean and bat - tered, torn by sin, By things I do, my thoughts with - in,
2. A - - cross that road the world passed by turn - ing a deaf ear to my cry,
3. And, what of me, when I saw need? Did I my Sa - vior's bid - ding heed?
4. Sin bleeds from me and stops my breath, in A - dam all I know is death;
5. But in my need my Sa - vior died, Not pas - sing on the o - - ther side.

I lie there blood - ied on life's road with death and sin my on - ly load.
No help to give, they could not save and so they left me for my grave.
Too of - - ten on the o - ther side I've walked a - way be - - cause of pride.
My works are rags, my off - erings vain, From dust I came in dust re - main.
Re - breathed His Spir - it in my dust, bound up my wounds, de - clared me just.

6. Now safe within His Church I'm free; Blood, Water, Spirit plead for me,
The Ark of God, the Inn of Grace Where I behold my Father's face.
7. May I in Christ my neighbor know Binding his wounds serves Christ below.
Your love for him make plain through me, that he may, too, your Glory see.
8. You loved me when I could not love, For my sin barred me from above.
In Christ my love is now set free, O praise and bless the Trinity.