

Thou who wast rich

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Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest Man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising
Heav'n-ward by Thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest Man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship Thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling
Make us what Thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love, beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship Thee.

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor. *2 Corinthians 8:9*

She... laid him in a manger. *Luke 2:7*

Of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever." *Hebrews 1:8*

They saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. *Exodus 24:10*

The Word was God... and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. *John 1:1,14*
Christ Jesus, ...though he was in the form of God, ...emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ...He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. *Philippians 2:5-7*
"I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." *John 12:32*

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. *1 John 4:16*

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). *Matthew 1:23, cf. Isaiah 7:14*

It is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. *Philippians 2:13*