

Dear Lord, I Come Confessing/ Dear Lord, See to My Heart

a song/hymn against hatred

Text and arrangement:
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Tune: KINGSFOLD,
English traditional

Voice(s)

Piano

Possible intro.

mf

mel.

Ped.

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Dear Lord, I come con - fess - ing a hard -'ning heart of late. The grip of black-hole
(alternate first verse) Dear Lord, see to my heart; it's _____ more like stone of late. I've felt it tight - en

mf

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for - ces pulls toward a mouth of hate. Help me re-sist the im - pulse to name an "us" and
as a fist toward those I would not hate. Help me re-sist the im - pulse to name an "us" and

20 *rit.* *rit.*

"them," and let me name in - stead my fears, to bring to you a - gain.
"them," then help me of - fer up my needs and fears to you a - gain.

26 *rit.*

You taught us, Lord, some tough things: Do good to those who hate; that an-ger counts with

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32

mur - der, and car - ries judg - ment's weight; that for - give - ness and for - giv - ing have

37

meas - ring cups the same.... Would I then share no mer - cy with a — soul for whom you

42

rit.

came? You came, Lord, in com - pas sion, to cold, dark Beth - le -

rit.

legato

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rit.

48

hem. And, on the way to meet your death, you mourned Je - ru - sa - lem! You

48

48

rit. mp

53

free-ly met with sin - ners; you did not count the cost; you told how Heav'n re -

53

53

rit. mp

58

rit.

joic-es when one is found who had been lost. Your "No" to earth-ly

58

58

rit. mp

quietly but firmly

64

pow - er re - fused the Tempt - er plain. You of - fered your whole life poured out and

espress.

69

rit. slower until the end

Spir - it to - re - main. So let us, in - your steps, Lord, spread bles - sing side - to -

rit. slower until the end

74

rit.

side. To act in love, we can, because of - peace that you pro - vide.

rit.