



FUNERAL FOR A CHILD

30 Through the Rivers of Our Tears

1 Through the riv - ers of our tears, through our an - ger's
2 Why should life so near to birth end in such un -
3 Help us bid this child fare - well, loose our hold up -
4 If we mourn with all our heart as we jour - ney
5 God you show us in the Cross you are shar - ing

bit - ter pain, through de - pres - sion, shock, and fear,
time - ly death? Why this child of all on earth?
on *his/her* life, but re - tain in me - mory's well,
through our grief, tears will work their heal - ing art,
all our pain. Help us find, be - yond our loss,

God, we cry, we cry to you.
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smiles and tears and ten - der touch.
gift - ing us new in - ner strength.
love that cel - e - brates a - gain.

The name of an individual child may be inserted in the hymn by following the directions below.

“This child” in stanza 2.3 and stanza 3.1 may be replaced as follows:

For a one-syllable name (e.g. Jane), use “dear ...”

For a two-syllable name with stress on the second syllable (e.g. Lorraine), use the name “...”

The words “this child in 3.1 may be replaced as follows if stanza 3.2 is changed to read
“as we loose our hold on you.”

For a two-syllable name with stress on the first syllable (e.g. Michael), the line can be
changed to “Farewell ..., sad farewell.”

For a three-syllable name with stress on the first syllable (e.g. Josephine), omit “sad”

For a three-syllable name with stress on the second syllable (e.g. Patricia), change to
“dear ... sad farewell.”