

THE VOICE OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

You were not redeemed with corruptible gold or silver,.... but with the Precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled.

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O ! PRECIOUS BLOOD !

After a thought from Father Faber :

O Precious Blood, in Thy Red Sea
Engulf our souls that we may be
Lost in Thy saving deeps profound,
Sweet sea, with never mark or bound !
Strong swelling flood of Love's excess !
Exhaustless, tireless, limitless—
Ocean of mercy, wounded Heart,
O let Thy billows rise and part,
That we, with all our retinue
Of sins and weakness, may pass through ;
Steeped in Its all atoning tide,
Cleansed, healed and wholly purified,
Our raiment whither than the snow
Upon Its joyous overflow.
May we, on billows swift and sweet,
Reach soon th' Eternal Father's Feet ;
Prostrate in rapture to adore
Forever and forevermore
The Fountain Source of all our good,
Our only hope—Sweet Precious Blood.

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