

## WHEN OUR LIFE BEGAN AGAIN

1980. I rarely write words without having music in mind, and vice versa. But after I have an initial "song" I often start again with words or music. I wrote 4 tunes for this song before I got to the one it has now, and even then I wasn't very happy with it. It was only when Geoff Strelan suggested (a year or two later) changing the key to D minor (rather than E minor) that it sounded right.

1. When his time was over,  
the palms lay where they fell.  
As they ate together, he told his friends farewell.  
Jesus, though you cried out for some other end,  
love could only choose a cross  
when our life began again.

2. Secretly they planned it,  
with money changing hands;  
in the quiet garden a kiss betrayed their man.  
Priests and elders tried him,  
soldiers crowned him king.  
We were in the crowd that day  
when our life began again.

3. Women wept to see him,  
he said "Don't weep for me."  
Many laughed and mocked him,  
"Forgive them, they don't see."  
Jesus, please forgive me, you know what I am;  
I was one who nailed your hands  
when our life began again.

4. There was one who asked you,  
"Remember me this day."  
Jesus, when I'm dying, remember me that way.  
When my life is over, be with me, my friend,  
like the thief upon the cross  
when our life began again.

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