

Let the Spirit Descend

Written by John Mace Purdom-Masters.

VERSE 1 — When John Came Preaching,
Preparing The Way,
For Jesus The Heavenly King.
That All Who Believe And Trust In His Name,
Could Stand In God’s Kingdom,
And Not Be Ashamed.

CHORUS — Let The Spirit Descend, Like A Beautiful Dove,
As It Did Upon Jesus That Day.
They Were Baptized By John,
In The River Of Jordan.
God’s Voice Spoke Like Thunder,
Saying “This Is My Son.”

VERSE 2 — When Lazarus Lay Dead In The Grave Four Days,
Martha Sent For Jesus To Come.
He Said “Lazarus Come Forth”
And He Heard What He Said.
Lazarus In Grave Clothes Arose From The Dead.

VERSE 3: — JESUS HUNG ON THE CROSS,
HIS TEARS FELL LIKE RAIN.
THE MULTITUDE MOCKED HIM TO SHAME,
FORGIVE THEM FATHER FOR THINGS DONE TO ME.
AS HE DIED ON THE CROSS,
AT CRUEL CALVARY.

Written by J.M. Purdom. John Mace Masters ("Johnnie Masters") was born near Jacksonville, Florida. His last name was Purdom, but his father died before he was born and his mother remarried P.S. Masters. His wife, Lucille Masters was born in Homerville, Georgia, but her family moved to Jacksonville within a year after she was born. They had three children, Johnnie Owen, Evelyn and Deanna. In 1946, John and Lucille were saved and from that time on, performed almost only sacred material. Johnnie would write secular songs later, but they became known primarily as a bluegrass gospel group.

- Let The Spirit Descend
- I Found It In Mother's Bible
- Give Them The Roses Now
- Cry From The Cross
- Gloryland March
- etc.

"traditionalists might frown upon their compromise with modern instrumentation after 1952, but none can deny that they started a trend followed by virtually everyone in that field."

