

Hail the sign, the Sign of Jesus

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Bright and royal Tree!
Standard of the Monarch, planted
First on Calvary!

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*Hail the Sign all signs excelling,
Hail the Sign all ills dispelling,
Hail the Sign hell's power quelling,
Cross of Christ, all hail!*

Sign the martyrs' strength and refuge,
Sign to saints so dear!
Sign of evil men abhorred,
Sign which devils fear:

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Sign which, when the Lord returneth,
In the heavens shall be;
Sinners quail, while saints with rapture
Shall the vision see:

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Lo, I sign the Cross of Jesus
Meekly on my breast;
May it guard my heart when living,
Dying be its rest:

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In the name of God the Father,
Name of God the Son,
Name of God the blessed Spirit,
Ever Three in One:

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