


COMPASSION WALKS THE CITY STREET


Verses (♩ = 72-76)

**Descant*



5. Com - pas - sion does not tire or sleep But walks wher -

Melody



1. Com - pas - sion walks the cit - y street And lis - tens
 2. Com - pas - sion walks the pris - on halls In search of
 3. Com - pas - sion walks the emp - ty waste Where dust and
 4. Com - pas - sion walks where life is hard, Where eyes are
 5. Com - pas - sion does not tire or sleep But walks wher -

**Harmony*



5. ev - er suf - f'ers weep Through ag - es past and still to

1. for un - cer - tain feet That hunt a home they can - not
 2. those af - flic - tion walls In hope - less - ness be - yond de -
 3. ash are all they taste Who lose their way in bar - ren -
 4. blank and fac - es marred By pain too great to un - der -
 5. ev - er suf - f'ers weep Through ag - es past and still to



5. come, Un - til the world is gath - ered home To rest at

1. find Be - cause the heart that leads is blind. Com - pas - sion
 2. spair Be - cause no voice speaks sol - ace there. Com - pas - sion
 3. ness And eat the bread of bit - ter - ness. Com - pas - sion
 4. stand, And shoul - ders those too weak to stand. Com - pas - sion
 5. come, Un - til the world is gath - ered home To rest at



*Descant and harmony are not compatible; choir should sing in unison when descant is used on Verse 5.

COMPASSION WALKS THE CITY STREET, cont. (2)

5. last where Mer - cy reigns And heals all ills and stills all

1. holds a stead - y light To show the way through chill of
 2. breaks the bars and locks To forge a path through all that
 3. sets a ta - ble there With bread and wine both rich and
 4. is the Shep - herd's name: Who from the halls of heav - en
 5. last where Mer - cy reigns And heals all ills and stills all

5. pains. And there Com - pas - sion's walk will cease, Where God is

1. night And takes the home - less by the hand To guide them
 2. blocks The way to ev - ery lone - ly cell, Where an - guish
 3. rare For all who faint in hun - ger's hold, And car - ries
 4. came To trav - el land - scapes bare and bleak For those that
 5. pains. And there Com - pas - sion's walk will cease, Where God is

5. all, and all is 5. peace.

1. to a warm - er land.
 2. pines in si - lent hell.
 3. them to plen - ty's fold.
 4. on - ly love would seek.
 5. all, and all is 5. peace.

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