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For Light, Medium and Dark Voices.

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ALL: Jesus, my gentle Jesus,
Walking in the dark of the Garden--
The Garden of Gethsemane,
Saying to the three disciples:

LIGHT MAN: "Sorrow is in my soul--
Even unto death;
Tarry ye here a little while,
And watch with me."

DARK MAN: Jesus, my burdened Jesus,
Praying in the dark of the Garden--
The Garden of Gethsemane.

*SOLO: Saying: *"Father,
Oh, Father,
This bitter cup,
This bitter cup,
Let it pass from me."

MEDIUM WOMAN: Jesus, my sorrowing Jesus,
The sweat like drops of blood upon his brow,

DUET-WOMEN: Talking with his Father,
While the three disciples slept,

*SOLO: Saying: *"Father,
Oh, Father,
Not as I will,
Not as I will,
But let thy will be done."

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