

# Damien The Blessed

Words/Music: Patrick Downes, 1994  
Choral arr.: Robert M. Mondoy, 1994

## Hawaiian Slack key style



Da - mi - en the bles - sed, 1. Hope for the for - sa - ken,  
2. You saw de - so - la - tion,  
3. In a land of rain - bows,  
*2009 Option "Damien our brother"*  
*2009 Hawaiian "E Kāna Kamiano" ("Saint Damien")*

Com - fort of the bro - ken, Ser - vant of the poor;  
You brought li - ber - a - tion with your gen - tle touch.  
To a place of sha - dows they call Ka - la - wao.

From a dis - tant coun - try, To a land for - got - ten,  
Im - i - ta - ting Je - sus With your heart wide op - en,  
In your mas - ter's foot - steps, bear - ing hope and com - fort,

You took an out - cast's cross to suf - fer and en - dure.  
You gave a - way your life to those you loved so much.  
You brought new life be - neath the Pa - li's fur - rowed brow.

In a de - so - late place, Filled with an - guished cries  
Like a shep - herd you served, You sought souls who were lost,  
You found so - lace and peace, With the Lord by your side,

You found Je - sus, our bro - ther in dis - tres - sing dis - guise.  
With strong arms you em - braced them, with - out count - ing the cost.  
And the source of all heal - ing As your com - fort and guide.

Ser - vant of the Fa - ther, Ser - vant of his peo - ple,

May we, like you, be gifts of God's a - bid - ing love.

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