This Thorn

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Thank you for this torn embedded in my flesh I can feel the mystery, my spirit is made fresh You are sovereign still and forever wise I can see the miracle opening my eyes

To a proud heart so quick to judge Laying down crosses and carrying grudges The veil has been torn And I thank you for this thorn

Thank you for this thorn fellowship of pain Teaching me to know you more never to complain Thank You for this love planted in my side Faithful patient miracle opening my eyes

I never thought I'd say it without reservation But I am truly grateful for this piercing revelation Of a proud heart so quick to judge Laying down crosses and carrying grudges The veil has been torn And I thank you for this thorn

And if You chose to take it, I will praise You And thank You for the healing in Your name But if it must remain, I thank You for Your rod Evidence of Father-love for a child of God

I join You in sorrow So much less than You have borne And I thank you, really I thank You Lord I thank You, I thank You for this thorn