

I SAW HIM IN CHILDHOOD

(*"Jeg saa ham som barn"*)

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Norwegian Folk Tune

1. I saw him in child - hood with eyes bright - ly beam - ing, In
2. I saw him in youth when all life was a - dorn - ing The
3. I saw him when grown in his ho - ly de - cor - um; The
4. And then I be - held him as mer - ci - ful Sav - ior Whose
5. A - gain I shall see him when eve - ning come to me, When

rays of the rain - bow on moun - tain topsgleam - ing; He fond - ly em - braced me, my
flights of my spir - it in glo - ri - ous morn - ing. He beck - oned my soul as the
sin - ner sur - ren - dered in judg - ment be - fore him; And trem - bling, my heart in con -
cross lost of - fence and re - stored me to fa - vor Em - brac - ing my bur - den, I
day - light shall si - lent - ly ca - dence be - fore me, And death on my vis - ion dim

fan - cy be - friend - ing, But veiled by the ver - dure the cross was im - pend - ing.
glow of his port - tal Shed ra - diance and rap - ture on all that is mor - tal.
tri - tion was burn - ing, As death ter - rors closed on my spir - it in yearn - ing.
found a re - un - ion: The Sav - ior and sin - ner once more in com - mun - ion.
sha - dows is cast - ing, O then I shall greet him in joy ev - er - last - ing.