

John 11: 1-41  
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“Lord My Brother has  
four days been dead.  
The house of Lazarus  
listened to all you said.”

“He loved you,  
like a brother true.  
Mary and I,  
have done so too.”

**“If you had come,  
He would not have slept.  
He would still live,  
And we would not have wept!”**

“Jesus can you make the sign  
That we are waiting for?  
Can you open the tomb  
And close death’s door?”

“We find in You,  
The One anointed.  
Is this the time  
That God appointed?”

“You came back,  
Though priests disdain You.  
Yet, all around  
The people claim you.

**“If you had come,  
He would not have slept.  
He would still live,  
And we would not have wept!”**

“Now do you  
Weep with us?  
Or do you weep  
for Caiaphas?”

“Lord I know  
God answers you.  
What ever you ask  
God will do.”

Then He said,  
“First, believe,  
Resurrection and Life,  
Is what I weave.”

“Yes Lord, I believe.  
You are the One . . .  
The One who  
For all has come!”

“Mary, go quickly!  
He asks for you.”  
But . . . all the people,  
What Shall I do?

Mary knelt  
again at His feet,  
and Martha’s words  
then did repeat:

**“If you had come,  
He would not have slept.  
He would still live,  
And we would not have wept!”**

Jesus asked, “Where is he?”  
Those weeping said,  
“Lord, here’s the grave,  
Come and see.”

Moved to tears,  
Jesus prayed  
“But Lord the smell;  
He’s been dead four days!”

“Take away the stone!”  
“Lord, what is this you do?!”  
You call his name?  
He answers you!”

Lord Jesus,  
How can this be?  
How from death  
Can you set us free!

“It is God’s Glory  
That you see  
I am the Resurrection  
And the Life,” said He.

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