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Never heard of this hymn before I heard Keith Daniel mention it in his sermon The Consequences of Preaching the Truth

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It seems to hit the spot for today;

PREACHER ON THE FENCE

1. From out of the millions of the earth
God often calls a man
To preach the word, and for the truth
To take a royal stand.

’Tis sad to see him shun the cross,
Nor stand in its defense
Between the fields of right and wrong:
A preacher on the fence.

Chorus:

Come down, come down,
Come down from off the fence.
And preach the gospel as it is
And take the consequence.
Come down, come down,
Come down from off the fence.
Your duty’s plain, you can’t remain,
A preacher on the fence.

2. Before him are the souls of men
Bound for Heaven or Hell;
An open Bible in his hand,
And yet he will not tell

All the truth that’s written there, It haveth an offence
The joys of Heaven, The horrors of Hell
A preacher on the fence.

Chorus

3. Most surely God has called the man
To battle for the right.
’Tis his to ferret out the wrong
And turn on us the light.

And yet he dare not tell the truth,
He fears the consequence,
The most disgusting thing on earth
Is a preacher on the fence.

Chorus

4. If he should stand up for the wrong,
The right heâ€™d not defend;
If he should stand up for the right,
The wrong he would offend.

His mouth is closed, he cannot speak
For freedom or against.
Great God deliver us from
A preacher on the fence.

Chorus

6. But soon both sides will find him out
And brand him as a fraud,
A coward who dares not to please
The devil or his God.

Oh God, free us from fear of man,
From cowardly pretence;
Cleanse out the dross and fear of loss,
And keep us off the fence.

Chorus