



# 12. A Little Lamb Bears All the Guilt

Ein Lämmlein geht und trägt die Schuld

Passiontide

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Restful , not slowly, in narrative fashion  
[Ruhige , nicht langsam, erzählend]

Sop. 1



1. A lit - tle Lamb bears all  
2. *This lit - tle Lamb, my soul's*  
3. "Yea, Fa - ther, thus by Your  
4. *My thoughts each day to You*  
5. I can but praise both night  
6. *Ex - pand and grow, O heart*  
7. His blood will ben - e - fit  
8. *Why should I be of death*  
9. If I shall some day come

Sop. 2



1. A lit - tle Lamb bears all the guilt  
2. *This lit - tle Lamb, my soul's best Friend,*  
3. "Yea, Fa - ther, thus by Your com - mand  
4. *My thoughts each day to You are tuned,*  
5. I can but praise both night and day  
6. *Ex - pand and grow, O heart of mine,*  
7. His blood will ben - e - fit my life  
8. *Why should I be of death a - fraid?*  
9. If I shall some day come to see

Alto



1. A lit - tle Lamb bears all the guilt of this  
2. *This lit - tle Lamb, my soul's best Friend, The Lamb*  
3. "Yea, Fa - ther, thus by Your com - mand my life  
4. *My thoughts each day to You are tuned, as night-*  
5. I can but praise both night and day Your love  
6. *Ex - pand and grow, O heart of mine, a treas-*  
7. His blood will ben - e - fit my life in ev -  
8. *Why should I be of death a - fraid? Your blood*  
9. If I shall some day come to see and taste

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— the guilt of this world and — her chil - dren.  
 — *best Friend, The Lamb of God,* — my *Sav - ior;*  
 — *com - mand my life will now — be driv - en;*  
 — *are tuned, as night - ly they — are bound - en,*  
 — and day Your love of bound - less meas - ure  
 — of mine, a *treas - ure chest — is need - ed;*  
 — my life in ev - ery sit - u - a - tion:  
 — *a - fraid? Your blood is new — life flow - ing;*  
 — to see and taste of heav - en's pleas - ures,

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of this world and — her chil - - - dren.  
*The Lamb of God,* — my *Sav - - - ior;*  
 my life will now — be driv - - - en;  
*as night - ly they — are bound - - - en,*  
 Your love of bound - less meas - - - ure  
*a treas - ure chest — is need - - - ed;*  
 in ev - ery sit - - - u - a - - - tion:  
*Your blood is new — life flow - - - ing;*  
 and taste of heav - - - en's pleas - - - ures,

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— world and her chil - dren. He bears with pa - tience,  
 — of God, my *Sav - ior;* God *chose Him that sin's*  
 — will now be driv - en; my will con - forms to  
 — ly they are *bound - en,* You *hold to me as*  
 — of bound - less meas - ure and give my - self, if  
 — ure chest is *need - ed;* the *treas - ure there to*  
 — ery sit - - - u - a - tion: to guard me well in  
 — is new life *flow - ing;* Your *cross af - fords me*  
 — of heav - en's pleas - ures, Your blood my pur - ple

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He bears with pa - tience, meek and still, our  
*God chose Him that sin's pow'r should end, re -*  
 my will con-forms to Your de - mand and  
*You hold to me as I to You, by*  
 and give my - self, if give I may, a  
*the treas - ure there to be con - tained, has*  
 to guard me well in times of strife, make  
*Your cross af - fords me cool - ing shade when*  
 Your blood my pur - ple robe shall be; I'll

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He bears with pa - tience, meek and still, our sins both  
*God chose Him that sin's pow'r should end, re - store us*  
 my will con - forms to Your de - mand and to Your  
*You hold to me as I to You, by lov - ing*  
 and give my - self, if give I may, a small but  
*the treas - ure there to be con - tained, has earth and*  
 to guard me well in times of strife, make sor - row  
*Your cross af - fords me cool - ing shade when noon - day's*  
 Your blood my pur - ple robe shall be; I'll clothe me

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meek and still, \_\_\_\_\_ our sins \_\_\_\_\_ both seen \_\_\_\_\_  
*pow'r should end, \_\_\_\_\_ re - store \_\_\_\_\_ us in \_\_\_\_\_*  
 Your de - mand \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ Your judge -  
*I to You, \_\_\_\_\_ by lov - ing arms \_\_\_\_\_*  
 give I may, \_\_\_\_\_ a small \_\_\_\_\_ but joy -  
*be con - tained, \_\_\_\_\_ has earth \_\_\_\_\_ and heav'n \_\_\_\_\_*  
 times of strife, \_\_\_\_\_ make sor - row ex -  
*cool - ing shade \_\_\_\_\_ when noon - day's sun \_\_\_\_\_*  
 robe shall be; \_\_\_\_\_ I'll clothe \_\_\_\_\_ me in \_\_\_\_\_

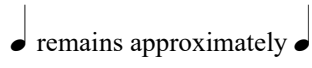

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sins \_\_\_\_\_ both seen and hid - den;  
*store \_\_\_\_\_ us in God's fa - vor.*  
to \_\_\_\_\_ Your judge - ment giv - en."  
lov - - - - - ing arms sur - round - ed.  
small \_\_\_\_\_ but joy - ful treas - ure.  
*earth \_\_\_\_\_ and heav'n ex - ceed - ed.*  
sor - - - - - row ex - ul - ta - tion,  
noon - - - - - day's sun is glow - ing.  
clothe \_\_\_\_\_ me in this treas - ure.

seen \_\_\_\_ and hid - ners, seen \_\_\_\_ and hid - den;  
*in \_\_\_\_ God's fa - vor; in \_\_\_\_ God's fa - vor.*  
judge - ment giv - en, judge - ment giv - en."  
arms \_\_\_\_ sur - round - ed, arms \_\_\_\_ sur - round - ed.  
joy - ful treas - ure, joy - ful treas - ure.  
*heav'n \_\_\_\_ ex - ceed - ed, heav'n \_\_\_\_ ex - ceed - ed.*  
ex - ul - ta - tion, ex - ul - ta - tion,  
sun \_\_\_\_ is glow - ing, sun \_\_\_\_ is glow - ing.  
in \_\_\_\_ this treas - ure, in \_\_\_\_ this treas - ure.

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\_\_\_\_\_ and hid - ners, seen \_\_\_\_\_ and hid - den;  
\_\_\_\_\_ *God's fa - vor,* in \_\_\_\_\_ *God's fa - vor.*  
- ment giv - en, judge - ment giv - en."  
\_\_\_\_\_ *sur - round - ed,* arms \_\_\_\_\_ *sur - round - ed.*  
- - ful treas - ure, joy - ful treas - ure.  
\_\_\_\_\_ *ex - ceed - ed,* heav'n \_\_\_\_\_ *ex - ceed - ed.*  
- - ul - ta - tion, ex - ul - ta - tion,  
\_\_\_\_\_ *is glow - ing,* sun \_\_\_\_\_ *is glow - ing.*  
\_\_\_\_\_ this treas - ure, \_\_\_\_\_ - - - - - treas - ure.


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and forth He goes, all weak and worn; He mounts  
*"Go forth, My Child,"* take up the cause of chil-  
 O won-drous Love, what have You done! un - think-  
 You light my heart as each day breaks, and if  
 My course of life shall al - ways be poured out  
 The treas-ures of this world are dross, I've found  
 in joy - ful times my dance and song, and when  
 When by great grief I am op - pressed, Your peace  
 And it shall be the bless - ed crown I wear

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and forth He goes, all weak \_\_\_\_\_ and worn; He mounts the  
*"Go forth, My Child,"* take up \_\_\_\_\_ the cause of chil - dren  
 O won-drous Love, what have \_\_\_\_\_ You done! The Fa - ther  
 You light my heart as each \_\_\_\_\_ day breaks, and if my  
 My course of life shall al - ways be poured out to  
 The treas-ures of this world \_\_\_\_\_ are dross, its pleas - ures  
 in joy - ful times my dance \_\_\_\_\_ and song, and when my  
 When by great grief I am \_\_\_\_\_ op - pressed, Your peace will  
 And it shall be the bless - ed crown I wear be -

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He mounts the scaf - fold,  
 of chil - dren that to  
 O won-drous Love, what  
 and if my heart should  
 poured out to You and  
 its pleas - ures now I  
 and when my taste for  
 Your peace will bring my  
 I wear be - fore the

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the scaf - fold, all \_\_\_\_\_ for - lorn,  
*dren that to sin \_\_\_\_\_ are ring.*  
 a - ble de - ci - - - - sion!  
*my heart should burst \_\_\_\_\_ and break,*  
 to You and cease - - - less - ly  
*a love that's bet - - - - ter.*  
 my taste for bread \_\_\_\_\_ is gone,  
*will bring my soul \_\_\_\_\_ to rest*  
 be - fore the high - - - est throne

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scaf - fold, all \_\_\_\_\_ for - lorn, re - nounc - es earth's joys sad -  
*that to sin \_\_\_\_\_ are lost, con - demed to pain and suff -*  
 of - fers up \_\_\_\_\_ His Son, un - think - a - ble de - ci -  
*heart should burst \_\_\_\_\_ and break, it will not cease in beat -*  
 You and cease - less - ly in grate - ful ad - o - ra -  
*now I count \_\_\_\_\_ as loss. I've found a love that's bet -*  
 taste for bread \_\_\_\_\_ is gone, this man - na yet will feed  
*bring my soul \_\_\_\_\_ to rest as on a sick - bed's pil -*  
 fore the high - est throne of God, the heav'n - ly Fa -

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all \_\_\_\_\_ for - lorn, re - nounc - es earth's joys  
*sin \_\_\_\_\_ are lost, con - demed to pain \_\_\_\_\_ and*  
 have \_\_\_\_\_ You done! un - think - a - ble \_\_\_\_\_ de -  
*burst \_\_\_\_\_ and break, it will not cease in*  
 cease - less - ly in grate - ful ad - o -  
*count \_\_\_\_\_ as loss. I've found a love \_\_\_\_\_ that's*  
 bread \_\_\_\_\_ is gone, this man - na yet \_\_\_\_\_ will  
*soul \_\_\_\_\_ to rest as on a sick - bed's*  
 high - est throne of God, the heav'n - ly

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ac - cepts the shame, dis - grace - ful path,  
*My rod is harsh; their pain is great.*  
 O Love, O Love, what strength You have;  
*I of - fer You my world - ly fame,*  
 and all that You have done for me,  
*The great - est prize I know to be*  
 in times of thirst, a bub - bling well;  
*You are my An - chor when by woe*  
 who has en - trust - ed me to You,



ly, ac - cepts the shame, dis - - - grace - ful  
*ring. My rod is harsh; their pain is*  
 sion! O Love, O Love, what strength You  
*ing. I of - - - fer You my world - ly*  
 tion; and all that You have done for  
*ter. The great - est prize I know to*  
 me; in times of thirst, a bub - bling  
*lows. You are my An - chor when by*  
 ther, who has en - trust - ed me to



sad - ly, ac - cepts the shame, dis - grace - ful  
*suff - ring. My rod is harsh; their pain is*  
 ci - sion! O Love, O Love, what strength You  
*beat - ing. I of - fer You my world - ly*  
 ra - tion; and all that You have done for  
*bet - ter. The great - est prize I know to*  
 feed me; in times of thirst, a bub - bling  
*pil - lows. You are my An - chor when by*  
 Fa - ther, who has en - trust - ed me to


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fear, pain, and stripes, the cross \_\_\_\_\_ and death, and  
*You can and must cor - rect their fate by*  
 Your reach is e - ven to \_\_\_\_\_ the grave; by  
*my - self, and all the goods I claim for -*  
 I'll lock a - way in mem - - - o - ry for  
*the blood which Christ has shed \_\_\_\_\_ for me from*  
 in lone - li - ness, a friend \_\_\_\_\_ to tell, at  
*my bark is driv - en to \_\_\_\_\_ and fro on*  
 just as a bride be - decked \_\_\_\_\_ a - new, to

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path, fear, pain, and stripes, the cross \_\_\_\_\_ and death,  
*great. You can and must cor - rect their fate*  
 have; Your reach is e - ven to \_\_\_\_\_ the grave;  
*fame, my - self, and all the goods I claim*  
 me, I'll lock a - way \_\_\_\_\_ in mem - - o - ry  
*be the blood which Christ has shed \_\_\_\_\_ for me*  
 well; in lone - li - ness, a friend \_\_\_\_\_ to tell,  
*woe my bark is driv - en to \_\_\_\_\_ and fro*  
 You, just as a bride \_\_\_\_\_ be - decked \_\_\_\_\_ a - new,

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*be the blood \_\_\_\_\_ which Christ has shed for me*  
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*woe my bark \_\_\_\_\_ is driv - en to and fro*  
 You, just as \_\_\_\_\_ a bride be - decked a - new,



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says, I suf - fer glad - - - - ly.  
*suf - fer - ing and dy - - - - img."*  
 You the rocks are riv - - - - en!  
*ev - er to Your keep - - - - ing.*  
 con - stant rec - ol - lec - - - - tion..  
*out His bo - dy fet - - - - tered.*  
 home or on a jour - - - - ney.  
*trou - ble's surg - ing bil - - - - lows.*  
 stand be - side in hon - - - - or.

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and says, I suf - fer glad - - - - ly.  
*by suf - fer - ing and dy - - - - img."*  
 by You the rocks are riv - - - - en!  
*for - ev - er to Your keep - - - - ing.*  
 for con - stant rec - ol - lec - - - - tion..  
*from out His bo - dy fet - - - - tered.*  
 at home or on a jour - - - - ney.  
*on trou - ble's surg - ing bil - - - - lows.*  
 to stand be - side in hon - - - - or.

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and says, I suf - - - - fer glad - ly.  
*by suf - fer - ing\_\_\_\_\_ and dy - img."*  
 by You the rocks\_\_\_\_\_ are riv - en!  
*for - ev - er to\_\_\_\_\_ Your keep - ing.*  
 for con - stant rec - - - - ol - lec - tion..  
*from out His bo - - - - dy fet - tered.*  
 at home or on\_\_\_\_\_ a jour - ney.  
*on trou - ble's surg - - - - ing bil - lows.*  
 to stand be - side\_\_\_\_\_ in hon - or.