

In memoriam Alexander William Giffen, 1985 Oct 14 – 2019 Oct 25

Kind spirit, gentle soul, devoted friend, loving heart

Gentle Shepherd, Thou hast stilled

Author: Johann W. Meinhold (1835);

Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1868)

Tune: O'CONNELL (78. 78. 77)

Music: Charles H. Giffen (b. 1940)

1 Gen - tle Shep - herd, Thou has stilled Now Thy lit - tle lamb's brief weep-ing;
2 In this world of care and pain, Lord, Thou would'st no long - er leave it;
3 Ah, Lord Je - sus, grant that we Where it lives may soon be liv - ing,

Ah, how peace - ful, pale, and mild, In its nar - row bed 'tis sleep-ing,
To the sun - ny, heav'n - ly plain Thou dost now with joy re - ceive it,
And the love - ly past - ures see That its heav'n - ly food are giv - ing,

And no sigh of an - guish sore Heaves that lit - tle bos - om more.
Clothed in robes of spot - less white, Now it dwells with Thee in light.
Then the gain of death we prove Though Thou take what most we love.

The tune is named for the late Thomas P. O'Connell, founder of the O'Connell Family Funeral Home in Hudson, Wisconsin.