

Andante-legato.

1. One Priest a - lone can par - don me, Or bid me, "Go in peace,"
 2. He showed the spearmark in His side, The nailprint on His palm;
 3. By Him my soul is pu - ri - fied, Once lep - rous and de - filed;
 4. He robed me in a priest - ly dress, That I might in - cense bring

Can breathe that word, "Ab - sol - vo te," And make these heart-throbs cease;
 Said, "Look on Me, the Cru - ci - fied; Why trem - ble thus? Be calm!
 Cleansed by the wa - ter and the blood, God sees me as a child:
 Of prayer, and praise, and right - eousness, To heaven's e - ter - nal King;

My soul has heard His priest - ly voice; It said, "I bore thy sins; re-joyce!"
 All pow'r is Mine—I set thee free— Be not a - afraid—Ab - sol - vo te."
 No priest can heal or cleanse but He; No oth - er say, "Ab - sol - vo te."
 And when He gave this robe to me, He smiled and said, "Ab - sol - vo te."

5 In heaven He stands before the throne,

The great High Priest above,

"Melchisedec"—that One alone

Can sin's dark stain remove;

To Him I look on bended knee,

And hear that sweet "Absolvo te."

6 "A little while" and He shall come

Forth from the inner shrine,

To call His pardoned brethren home;

Oh bliss supreme, divine!

When every blood-bought child shall see

The Priest who said, "Absolvo te."