

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."