

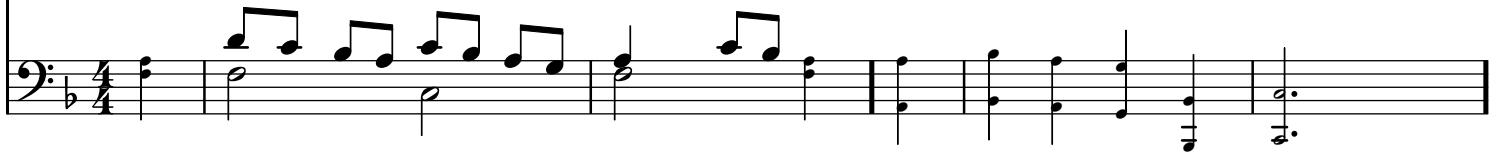
One Priest Alone Can Pardon Me

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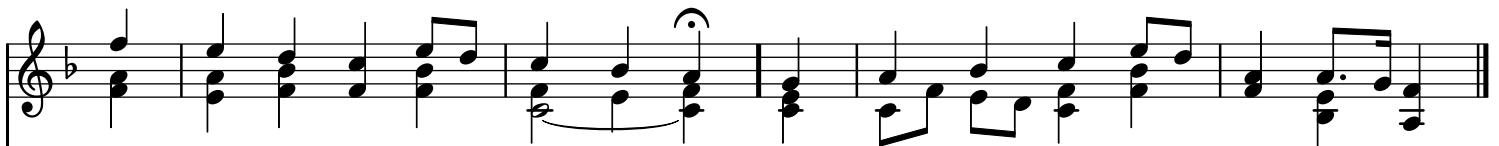
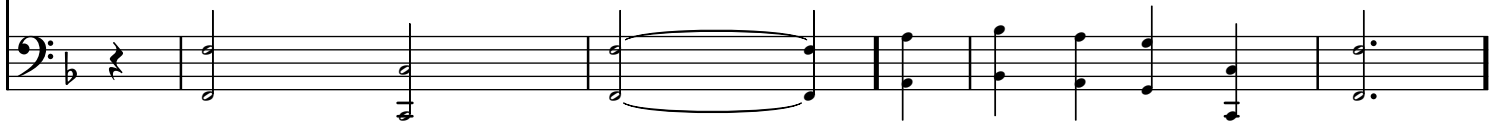
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1. One Priest a - lone can par - don me, Or bid me "Go in peace,"
 2. He showed the spear-mark in His side, The nailprint on His palm:
 3. By Him my soul is pu - ri - fied, Once lep-rous and de - filed;
 4. He robed me in a priest - ly dress, That 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 heav'n's E - ter - nal King;



My soul has heard His priest - ly voice; It said, "I bore thy sins, re - jice!"
 All pow'r is Mine— I set thee free— Be not a - fraid— '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:
 O bliss supreme, divine!
 When every blood-bought child shall see
 The Priest who said, "Absolvo te."