

## One Priest Alone Can Pardon Me

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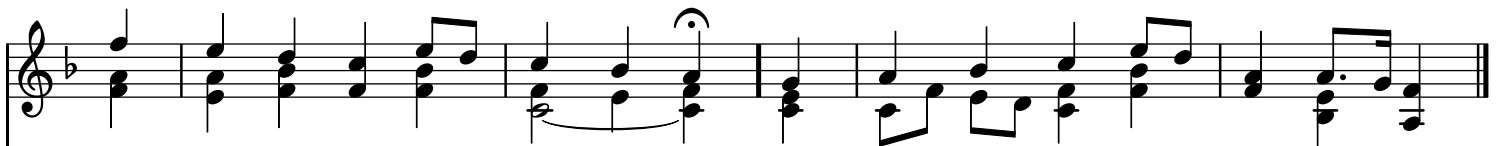
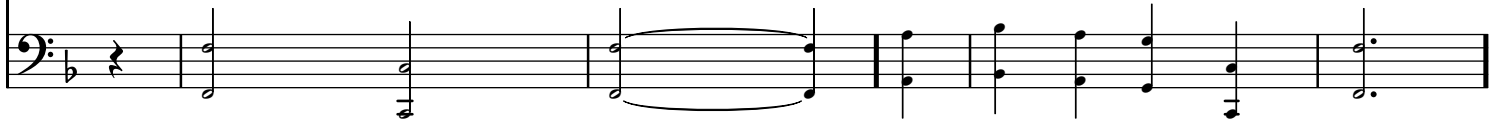
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1. One Priest a - lone can par - don me, Or bid me "Go in peace,"  
 2. He showed the spear-mark in His side, The nailprint on His palm:  
 3. By Him my soul is pu - ri - fied, Once lep-rous and de - filed;  
 4. He robed me in a priest - ly dress, 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 - joice!"  
 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:  
 Oh bliss supreme, divine!  
 When every blood-bought child shall see  
 The Priest who said, "Absolvo te."