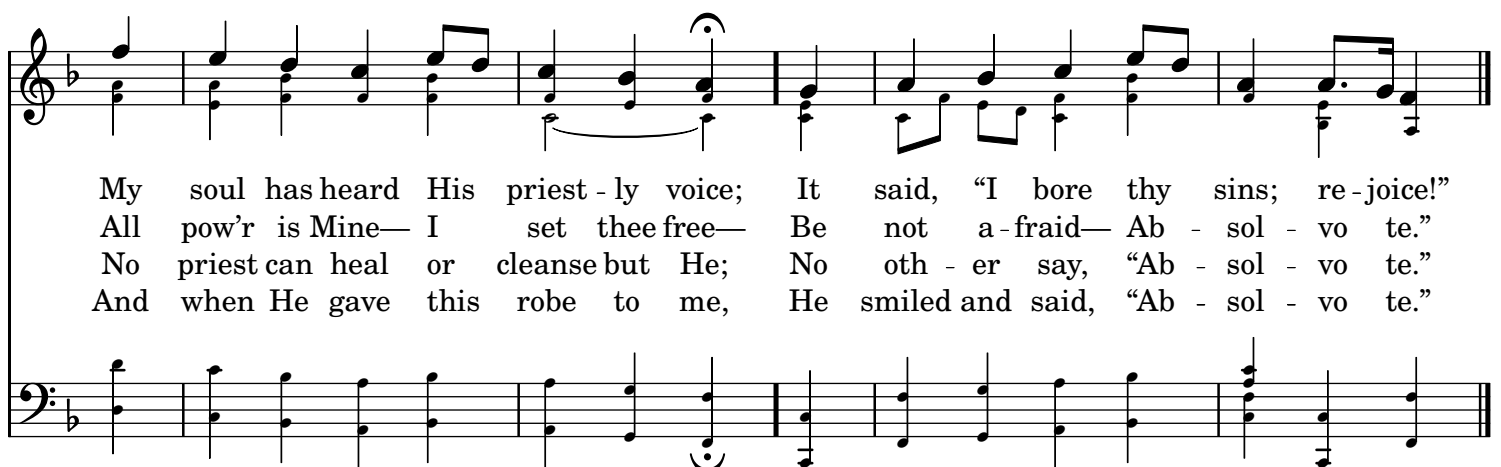


Andante-legato.


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 nail-print 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-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.”