AH, HOLY JESUS

Text by Johann Heermann (1585–1647) Trans. by Robert Bridges (1844–1930), alt. Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU by Johann Crüger (1598–1662) Arranged by Hal H. Hopson



*The low octaves in the piano part suggest the stripes and cruelty laid on Jesus while dying on the cross. They should be played throughout with a sense of inexplicable mystery and with a somewhat harsh accent in contrast to the quieter, more sustained quality of the vocal parts. The first beat of each measure should be stressed.



^{*} Canon from Surinam. English translation: "Have mercy upon us."