

# Upon the cross extended

Heinrich Isaac, c 1450-1517

O Welt, Ich Muss Dich Lassen  
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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and single notes.

The second system of musical notation continues from the first system, starting at measure 7. It maintains the same two-staff format and musical style.

The third system of musical notation continues from the second system, starting at measure 13. It concludes the piece with a final chord in the bass clef.

Come hither now and ponder,  
'Twill fill thy soul with wonder,  
Blood streams from every pore.  
Through grief whose depth none  
knoweth,  
From His great heart there floweth  
Sigh after sigh of anguish o'er.

Who is it that hath bruised Thee?  
Who hath so sore abused Thee  
And caused Thee all Thy woe?  
While we must make confession  
Of sin and dire transgression,  
Thou deeds of evil dost not know.

I caused Thy grief and sighing  
By evils multiplying  
As countless as the sands.  
I caused the woes unnumbered  
With which Thy soul is cumbered,  
Thy sorrows raised by wicked hands.

'Tis I who should be smitten,  
My doom should here be written;  
Bound hand and foot in hell.  
The fetters and the scourging,  
The floods around Thee surging,  
'Tis I who have deserved them well.

A crown of thorns Thou wearest,  
My shame and scorn Thou bearest,  
That I might ransomed be.  
My Bondsman, ever willing,  
My place with patience filling,  
From sin and guilt hast made  
me free.

Thy cords of love, my Savior,  
Bind me to Thee forever,  
I am no longer mine.  
To Thee I gladly tender  
All that my life can render  
And all I have to Thee resign.

Thy cross I'll place before me,  
Its saving power be o'er me,  
Wherever I may be;  
Thine innocence revealing,  
Thy love and mercy sealing,  
The pledge of truth and  
constancy.

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