

# Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended

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**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended,  
That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.  
'Twas I, Lord, Jesus, I it was denied Thee!  
I crucified Thee.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,  
God intercedeth.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was Thy incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion,  
For my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,  
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,  
Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving,  
Not my deserving.**

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