

O dearest Lord, what law hast Thou e'er broken

Praise of the Lord — His Suffering

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(Guitar)

1. O dearest Lord, what law hast Thou e'er broken That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what mis - deed hast Thou to make con - fession— What dark trans - gres - sion?

The musical score consists of two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D, A, D, A7, A, D, F#, Bm, C#, F#m on the first staff; and A, D, G, F#, Bm, G, A7, G, D on the second staff.

2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite,
they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.
3. What punishment so strange is suffered yonder?
The shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.
4. The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted—
God is committed.
5. O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gift to proffer?
What dare I offer?
6. I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing;
That earth's vain joys no more to me be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
Henceforth forever.