Ah, Holy Jesus
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Johann Heermann, 1630

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended,
   That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?
   'Twas I, Lord, Jesus, by Thine own rejected,
3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
   For our atonement, I it was denied Thee!
4. For me, kind Jesus, was Thine incarnation,
   Thy death of anguish, while he nothing heeded,
5. Therefore kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,
   I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,

by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
I it was denied Thee! I crucified Thee.
while he nothing heeded, God interceded.
and Thy bitter passion, For my salvation.
and Thy love unwavering, Not my deserving.

Johann Cruger, 1640

for the slave hath no heed given;
for our atonement, God interceded.
Thy death of anguish, while he nothing heeded.
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee.

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