

He Answered Never a Word

Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

And he answered him to never a word. Mt. 27:13-14



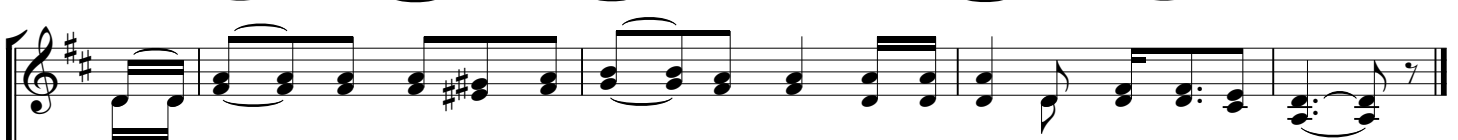
1. A friend - less pris - 'ner at Pi - late's bar, 'Mid the rag - ing mob He stood;
2. The priests and the el - ders with fiend - ish spite, Ac - cused Him of man - y things;
3. With fierc - est ha - tred his foes pressed on, To kill Him their great - est de - sire;
4. Then they bro't the cross that Bar - ab - bas should fill, He, a mur - der - er, now to go free;
5. The rab - ble with spite and re - venge urged them on, Till He came to Cal - va - ry's brow,
6. But there hung by His side a thief, bro - ken and sad, With sins that were all his own,



Like wolves that had scent - ed His blood from a - far And ea - ger - ly Him pur - sued;
But His face was ra - diant with heav - en - ly light, He could hear the sound of wings;
The faith of His fol - l'wers was al - most gone, Must the last faint spark ex - pire?
And they laid it on Je - sus to bear up the hill, To pur - chase sal - va - tion for me;
Where they nailed His hands and His feet to the cross— O sin - ner, look on him now!
And he cried, "Dear Lord, re - mem - ber me When Thou sit - test on Thy throne";



The voice of these mur - d'ers was heard as they cried, Till Je - ru - sa - lem's cit - y was stirred;
And Pi - late mar - veled to see Him there, As each wick - ed charge he heard,
Will He meek - ly yield in His dread - ful hour, When a mur - der - er is pre - ferred?
Though hun - gry and thirst - y, and bleed - ing and cold, Not a sigh passed His lips that was heard;
Then rais - ing the cross, oh, what suf - fring and pain! Till the earth and the heav - ens were stirred,
And the Sav - ior turned and looked up - on him, His com - pas - sion deep was stirred;



"A - way with Him, let Him be cru - ci - fied"; But He an - swered nev - er a word.
His mute lips moved as in si - lent prayer, But He an - swered nev - er a word.
He who raised the dead, has He lost His pow'r? But He an - swered nev - er a word.
He trem - bled a mo - ment, then sank to the ground, But He an - swered nev - er a word.
But the suf - fer - ing Je - sus with meek - ness en - dured, But He an - swered nev - er a word.
And peace, sweet peace He shed o'er that soul— He could an - swer him with a word.

