

John Tavener

THE LAMB

PER CORO MISTO A CAPPELLA



Little Lamb who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee
gave thee life, and bid thee feed
by the stream and o'er the mead;
gave thee clothing of delight,
softest clothing wooly bright;
gave thee such a tender voice,
making all the vales rejoice!

Little Lamb who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,
little Lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name,
for he calls himself a Lamb:
he is meek and he is mild,
he became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb,
we are called by his name.

Little Lamb, God bless thee!
little Lamb, God bless thee!

Piccolo agnello chi ti fece?
Lo sai tu chi ti fece
ti diede vita e ti invitò a nutrirti
accanto al ruscello e sopra il prato;
ti diede abiti deliziosi,
i più morbidi abiti di lana brillante;
ti diede una voce così tenera,
che fa gioire tutte le valli!

Piccolo agnello chi ti fece?
Tu sai chi ti fece?

Piccolo agnello, te lo dirò,
Piccolo agnello, te lo dirò!
Egli viene chiamato col tuo nome,
poiché chiama se stesso Agnello:
è docile e mite;
divenne un piccolo bambino:
io un bambino e tu un agnello,
siamo chiamati col suo nome.

Piccolo agnello, Dio ti benedica!
Piccolo agnello, Dio ti benedica!

for Simon's 3rd birthday

The Lamb

WILLIAM BLAKE

JOHN TAVENER

With extreme tenderness – flexible – always guided by the words ($\text{♩} = c. 40$)

SOPRANO *p* Lit - tle Lamb, - who _ made thee? Dost thou know _ who _ made thee?

ALTO *p* Dost thou know _ who _ made thee?

TENOR

BASS

Piano (for rehearsal only) With extreme tenderness – flexible – always guided by the words ($\text{♩} = c. 40$)

3 [moving forward]

Gave thee life, and bid thee feed By the stream and o'er the mead;

[moving forward]

5 *poco*

Gave thee cloth - ing of de - light, Soft - est cloth - ing, wool - ly, bright;

Gave thee cloth - ing of de - light, Soft - est cloth - ing, wool - ly, bright;

poco

Poco meno mosso

7 *pp*

pp

Gave thee such a ten - der voice, Mak - ing all the vales re - joice?

pp

Gave thee such a ten - der voice, Mak - ing all the vales re - joice?

pp

Gave thee such a ten - der voice, Mak - ing all the vales re - joice?

pp

Gave thee such a ten - der voice, Mak - ing all the vales re - joice?

Poco meno mosso

9

Lit - tle Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

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Lit - tle Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

A tempo - moving forward

11 *mp*

Lit - tle Lamb, I'll tell thee, Lit - tle Lamb, I'll tell thee;

Lit - tle Lamb, I'll tell thee, Lit - tle Lamb, I'll tell thee;

Lit - tle Lamb, I'll tell thee, Lit - tle Lamb, I'll tell thee;

Lit - tle Lamb, I'll tell thee, Lit - tle Lamb, I'll tell thee;

A tempo - moving forward

13

He is called — by thy name, For he calls him - self a Lamb.

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He is called — by thy name, For he calls him - self a Lamb.

15

poco

He is meek, and he is mild, He be - came a lit - tle child.

He is meek, and he is mild, He be - came a lit - tle child.

He is meek, and he is mild, He be - came a lit - tle child.

He is meek, and he is mild, He be - came a lit - tle child.

He is meek, and he is mild, He be - came a lit - tle child.

poco

Poco meno mosso

17

pp

I, a child, and thou a lamb, We are called — by his name.

pp

I, a child, and thou a lamb, We are called — by his name.

pp

I, a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.

pp

I, a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.

Poco meno mosso

rit.

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Lit - tle Lamb, — God — bless thee! Lit - tle Lamb, — God — bless thee!

Lit - tle Lamb, — God — bless thee! Lit - tle Lamb, — God — bless thee!

Lit - tle Lamb, God — bless thee! Lit - tle Lamb, God — bless thee!

Lit - tle Lamb, God bless thee! Lit - tle Lamb, God bless thee!

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