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Composition:

Ah, Holy Jesus – SATB and Organ

Date: 1983

Duration: 9:10

Recording: unidentified church choir.

Program Note:

This piece is an arrangement of the chorale *Herzliebster Jesu*.

Text:

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 offer'd
The slave hath sin=ned, and the Son hath
suffer'd
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.