



- 4 1 Hear this, all you peoples; || hearken, all you who / dwell in the / world,
you of high degree and low, / rich and / poor to- / gether.
- 2 My mouth shall / speak of / wisdom,
and my heart shall / meditate on / un-der- / standing.
- W 3 I will incline my / ear to a / proverb
and set forth my / riddle up- / on the / harp.
- M 4 Why should I be afraid in / e-vil / days,
when the wickedness of / those at my / heels sur- / rounds me,
- 4 5 The wickedness of those who put their / trust in their / goods,
and / boast of their / grät / riches?
- 6 We can never / ransom our- / selves,
or deliver to / God the / price of our / life;
- W 7 For the ransom of our / life is so / great,
that we should / never have e- / nough to / pay it,
- M 8 In order to live for / ever and / ever,
and / nev-er / see the / grave.
- 4 9 For we see that the wise die also; || like the dull and / stupid they / perish
and leave their / wealth to / those who come / after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, || their dwelling places from generation to / ge-ne- /
ration,
though they call the / länds / after their own / names.
- 4 † 11 Even though honored, they cannot / live for / ever;
they are / like the / beasts that / perish.
- 4 Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
and / to the / Ho-ly / Spirit:
- as it was in the be- / ginning, is / now,
and / will be for- / ever. || A- / men.