

*In memoriam Alexander William Giffen, 1985 October 14 – 2019 October 25*

*Kind spirit, gentle soul, devoted friend, loving heart, beloved son*

## Gentle Shepherd, Thou hast stilled

Author: Johann W. Meinhold (1835)  
Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1868)

Tune: O'CONNELL (78. 78. 77)  
Music: Charles H. Giffen (b. 1940)

Accomp.

5

9

13

1 Gen - tle Shep - herd, Thou hast stilled Now Thy lit - tle lamb's brief weep-ing;

The image shows a musical score for piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. The first system is labeled 'Accomp.' and starts with a treble and bass clef. The second system is marked with a '5' above the first measure. The third system is marked with a '9' above the first measure. The fourth system is marked with a '13' above the first measure and includes the lyrics: '1 Gen - tle Shep - herd, Thou hast stilled Now Thy lit - tle lamb's brief weep-ing;'. The music is in a minor key and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

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Revisions of May 2022 and August 2023 in memory of the children and teachers killed in the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on 24 May 2022.

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Ah, how peace - ful, pale, and mild, In its nar - row bed 'tis sleep-ing,

21

And no sigh of an - guish sore Heaves that lit - tle bos - om more.

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*a cappella*

2 In this world of care and pain, Lord, Thou would'st no long - er leave it;

29

To the sun - ny, heav'n - ly plain Thou dost now with joy re - ceive it,

33

Clothed in robes of spot - less white, Now it dwells with Thee in light.

## Descant

37

3 Ah, Lord Je - sus, grant that we Where it lives may soon be liv-ing,

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41

And the love - ly past-ures see That its heav'n - ly food are giv-ing,

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45

Then the gain of death we prove Though Thou tak'st what most we love.

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The tune O'CONNELL is named for the late Thomas P. O'Connell, founder of the O'Connell Family Funeral Home in Hudson, Wisconsin.