

Associations: The third phrase bears a vague, superficial resemblance to that of *Herr Jesu Christ, wahr Mensch und Gott*, the fourth to *Angelus*.

Verdict: Give it another try!

Was fürcht'st du, Feind Herodes (2)

a.k.a. Sedulius

from David Wolder's *Gesangbuch*, Hamburg, 1598, LM.

"The tribute of our thanks we bring" – ALH 395 in Eb.



Difficulty: A few intervals might be a bit tricky, at first.

Memorability: It sounds a lot like *Puer nobis nascitur* with rougher edges. It's not as clearly inspired or distinctive as that better-known tune.

Character: Folkish, dancelike, rustic.

Performance: Congregation, choir.

Associations: Similar to *Puer nobis nascitur*. The harmony at ALH 395 is attributed to Michael Prætorius, 1609.

Verdict: Probably not.

Was Gott tut

a.k.a. Baden; *a.k.a.* Hope

from *Gesangbuch*, Weimar, 1681; attr. Severus Gastorius, 1675, 8787 4477 or 8787 4488.

"In Jesus I find peace and rest" – LHA 162 in F.

"O Son of God, we wait for Thee" – LHy 603, TCH 430, LHA 490, ELHy 536 in F.

"What God ordains is always good" – ELHb 507, ALH 281, TLH 521, SBH 582, LHA 415, LBW 446, LW 422, CW 429, ELHy 519 in F; CSB 402 in G.



Difficulty: A few intervals may be a tad tricky just at first. The problem is keeping straight which set of embellishments you're using. The top version above (from LHA and LW) is as plain as they get, though in some books there is no neighboring-eighth figure in the second phrase. The "alt." version embodies most of the variations found in other books, but is itself found nowhere.

Memorability: Effective, distinctive, well structured.

Character: Warm, bright, clear, strong, with a strain of genuine, unforced emotion.

Performance: Congregation, choir.

Associations: Remarkable what you can do with mostly scale passages.

Verdict: Use it.

Was mein Gott will

French, attr. Claudin de Sermisy, 1529; Antwerp, 1540, 8787 D.

"The will of God is always best" – TLH 517, LW 425, CW 435, ELHy 477 in g Dorian.

"Who trusts in God, a strong abode" – ELHb 511, TLH 437, CW 447, ELHy 261 in g Dorian; LHA 384, LBW 450, LW 414 in a Dorian.

