

I Am a Great Sinner

Tune: Arles 12 11 12 11

Psalter Hymnal (1976) #51

Psalter Hymnal (1987) #29

Alt: Willow Grove 12 11 12 11

Trinity Hymnal #45

I am a great sinner, a child of my father,
A child of the first man to transgress God's law.
I am a great sinner, in need of salvation,
In me only vain hope to rise from the fall.

I am a weak sinner, and daily offending
The glory of God and the standard He gave.
I sorrow for sin and lament my condition:
No righteousness from me is able to save.

I am a poor sinner, in need of salvation,
Yet greater is He now appointed to save.
I look to the Savior, my Jesus, Redeemer:
To me, so impov'ished, His righteousness gave.

So naked in sin, yet now clothed in His merit,
Should I now trust further in anything mine?
I cling to the Savior, I trust in Him only.
At His Holy Table I joyfully dine.

I am a great sinner, yet saved by His merit.
Though others may cringe and call mountain to fall,
Yet I will rejoice in His glorious coming,
Yet I am at peace though His judgment befall.

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