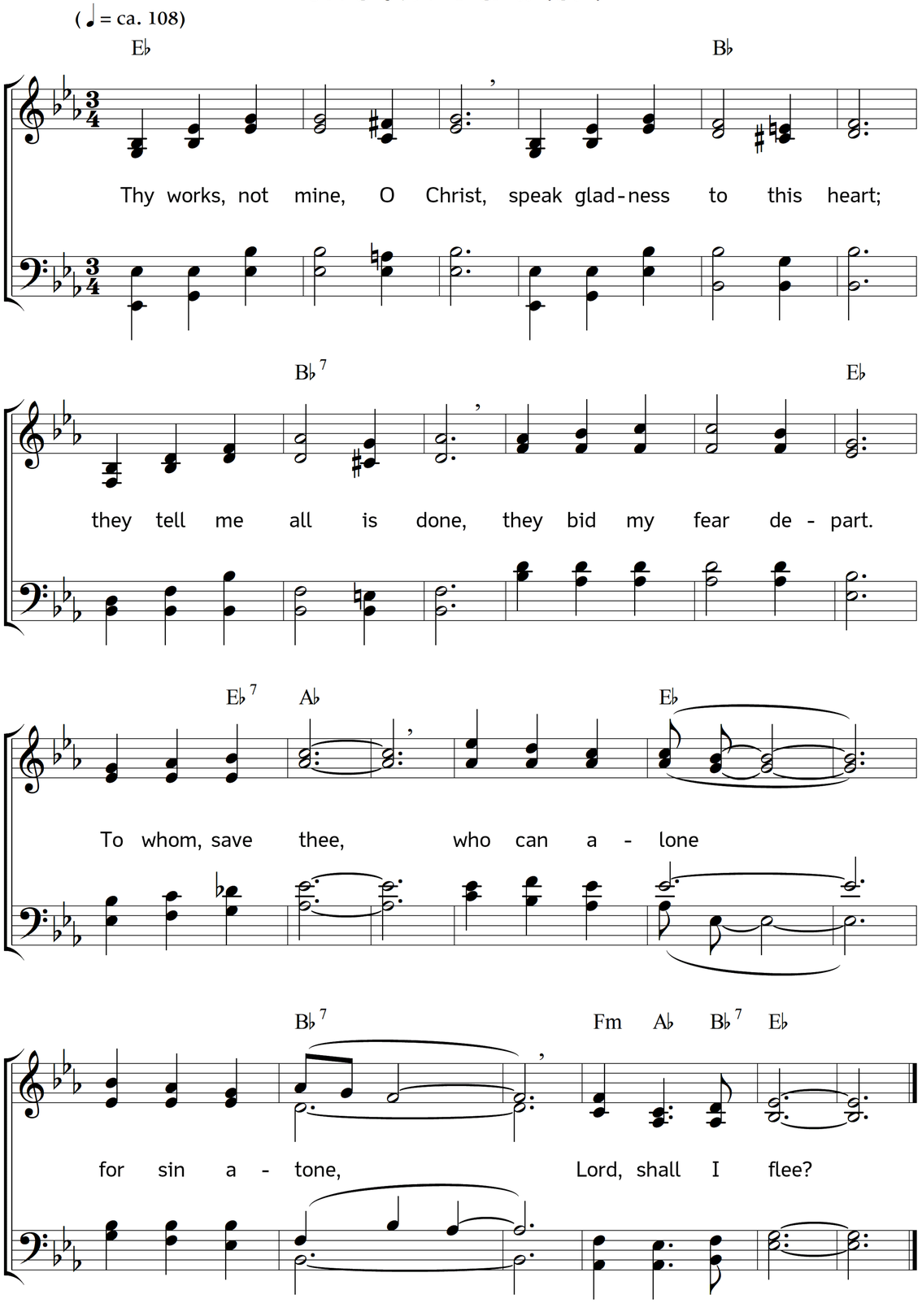
THE SIN-BEARER



2. Thy pains, not mine, O Christ,
upon the shameful tree,
have paid the law's full price,
and purchased peace for me.
To whom, save thee,
who can alone
for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

3. Thy tears, not mine, O Christ,
have wept my guilt away,
and turned this night of mine
into a blessed day.
To whom, save thee,
who can alone
for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

4. Thy bonds, not mine, O Christ,
unbind me of my chain,
and break my prison-doors,
ne'er to be barred again.
To whom, save thee,
who can alone
for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

5. Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,
can heal my bruisèd soul;
thy stripes, not mine, contain
the balm that makes me whole.
To whom, save thee,
who can alone
for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

6. Thy blood, not mine, O Christ,
thy blood so freely spilt,
can blanch my blackest stains,
and purge away the guilt.
To whom, save thee,
who can alone
for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

7. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,
has borne the awful load
of sins, that none in heaven
or earth could bear, but God.
To whom, save thee,
who can alone
for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

8. Thy death, not mine, O Christ,
has paid the ransom due;
ten thousand deaths like mine
would have been all too few.
To whom, save thee,
who can alone
for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

9. Thy righteousness, O Christ,
alone can cover me;
no righteousness avails
save that which is of thee.
To whom, save thee,
who can alone
for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

10. Thy righteousness alone
can clothe and beautify;
I wrap it round my soul;
in this I'll live and die.
To whom, save thee,
who can alone
for sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

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