

Palästinalied

Walther von der Vogelweide (c. 1170 - c. 1230)

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1. On - ly now coun - try my life has mean - ing,
 2. Ma - ny have wan - dered,
 3. He was bap - tized in these wa - ters
 4. Cru - el death con - sumes and etch - es
 5. It was here the Son des - cend - ed

5
 For my sin - ful eyes have seen The
 Rich and we might - y, far and near.
 So and we could be pu - ri - fied.
 On his bo - dy all its gain.
 From the grave in which he lay,

9
 place toward which my heart is lean - ing,
 Best the land on which I pon - dered:
 And to free our sons and daugh - ters
 The Al - mighty - y, for us wretch - es
 As the Fa - ther had in - tend - ed

13
 Praised and cher - ished, pure and clean.
 Won - drous things have hap - pened here!
 Let him - self be sold and tried;
 Pi - tied us and took our pain;
 with the Spi - rit, whom none may

17
 I have prayed for, now I see,
 That a maid has giv - en birth
 o - ther - wise, we'd all be lost,
 Se - an - noyed, as we might fear;
 rate and keep a lone:

21
 Where God hum - bly chose to be
 To the Lord of all the earth:
 Blest be the Lord and spear - cross;
 This great won - der is so dear:
 Three in One they will be known,

25
 Born of flesh like you and me.
 mi - ra - cle be - yond all worth!
 woe to those who mock their cost.
 mi - ra - cle be - yond all peer!
 As to A - bra - ham was shown.

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6. Like a king of highest station,
He the darkness bound in fief
And returned to this same nation.
Here the Jews rose up in grief;
By the power of His will,
They could see him living still:
Him the man they tried to kill.

7. Here the country where God sent him,
Where he wandered forty days.
And the Spirit, when God lent him,
Met us here with tongues ablaze.
All that's lost has been restored:
Let this country be adored,
Recognized before the Lord.

8. He will on each cruel villain
Judgment terrible proclaim
And avenge the orphaned children
So the weak and poor may name
Those who tore their peace away.
Any wise man would repay
What he owes before that day.

9. Our officials cling to grudges,
But he waits on no one's suit
And immediately judges
So that justice may bear fruit.
In the end, whom can I blame?
For we all must find the same
Pledge and safety in his name.

10. Are the words I speak a bother?
But I cannot stop their flow,
By the Spirit, Son, and Father,
And will cause you all to know
Miracles God has in hand.
Here began the works he planned,
Ending also in this land.

11. It is heritage and birthright:
Three religions make their claims.
God must choose who wins this earth's fight
For the sake of his three names.
All the world has fought and died;
In an endless war we're tied,
But the right is on our side.

12. Here a hundred thousand treasures—
But no longer can my tongue
Tell in deep and detailed measures
As it could when I was young.
Yet it's written in plain view;
If that's not enough for you,
Find the proof among the Jews.

13. My sweet lady, listen kindly
With the greatness of your heart.
Feel no anger as I blindly
Struggle to express my part,
For I'm trying clumsily
Not to bruise your courtesy
With my soul's intensity.