

Behold the Lamb of God

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This hymn was a favorite baptism hymn while I was a missionary in Japan, and finally, after many years, I was thrilled to find the English version.

Behold the Lamb of God! In his divine array,
Go down into the flood, His father to obey,
In Jordan's stream to be baptised,
Though by a carnal world despised.

Can we pretend to know More fully God's design?
Can we pretend to show A conduct more divine?
Can we neglect this ordinance,
Without an insult to our Prince?

Jesus, we will obey Thy practice and command:
Behold us here to day! We in thy presence stand,
Devoted to thy blessed will,
Ready thy pleasure to fulfil.

We sink beneath the wave; The water we go through;
The emblem of thy grave, And resurrection too;
We die, are buried, rise again,
In hopes with thee to live and reign.

Great Father, cast thine eye, And drive away our fear;
Our ev'ry want supply; Give grace to persevere;
And then rejoicing we will go,
To do our Father's will below.