

Christian Worship Hymn 129: Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Please remember that songs are interpreted much differently than sermons or liturgy. It is important to keep the rhythm of the music when interpreting songs. Just as English sung hymns must change their word order for their stanzas to rhyme and therefore may 'sound' strange if strictly spoken; signed hymns must also at times change their sign order to keep the proper rhythm of the song and may 'look' strange if strictly signed. Rhythm is very important.

1. Alas and did my Savior bleed And did my Sovereign die?
[pity-pity my Savior bleed question / my King die question](#)
Would he devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?
[He promise holy head / for sinner like me question](#)
2. Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
[because crime I do / He anguish on tree cross question](#)
Amazing pity grace unknown And love beyond degree
[wonderful *pity love not understand / love above measure](#)
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut its glories in
[possible sun hide become dark / close glory inside](#)
When God the mighty Maker died For his own creatures sin
[when God strong Creator die / for *himself creatures sin](#)
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face While his dear cross appears
[must I hide my blush-face / when his precious cross appear question](#)
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness And melt my eyes to tears
[melt heart with thanks / and melt eyes with cry-cry](#)
5. But drops of grief can never repay The debt of love I owe
[but cry-cry anguish never pay-pay / debt love I pay](#)
Here Lord I give myself away 'Tis all that I can do
[here Lord myself *give-to-you / that-\(fs\)all I can do](#)

- -- Words with hyphenation are ASL signs.
- () Words in parentheses may or may not be signed, depending on your audience. If they are more English, you may want to add the words.
- <> Words in <> are definitions for the previous word as the previous word has more than one sign.
- ""Words in quotation marks are words to be dramatized as if you are the speaker.
- * Words with asterisks should be signed as a directional sign
- fs means to fingerspell
- + means the sign is repeated. A number following the plus sign indicates how many times to repeat