

# The Little Vagabond

Poem: William Blake (1794)

Setting: David Avshalomov (2002)

*Vivo* ♩. = 100    ♩. = ♩. *sempre*

S *p* The Church is

A *p* The Church is

T *f* Dear \_\_\_\_\_ Moth-er, dear Moth-er, the Church is *fp* cold,

B *f* Dear \_\_\_\_\_ Moth-er, dear Moth-er, the Church is *fp* cold \_\_\_\_\_

(quasi fermata ma in tempo)

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cold \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* health-y pleas-ant and

cold \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* health-y pleas-ant and

*mf* but the Ale-house is health-y and pleas-ant and warm; \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* but the Ale-house is health-y and pleas-ant and warm

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warm \_\_\_\_\_ *p* be - sides I can tell where I am used well, such *mf*

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warm \_\_\_\_\_ *p* be - sides I can tell where I am used well, such *mf*

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us - age in heav - en - will nev - er do well. *f* But

us - age in heav - en - will nev - er do well. *f* will nev - er do well. *f* But

us - age in heav - en - will nev - er do well. *f* will nev - er do well. *f* But

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if at the Church they would give us some *fp* ale

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if at the Church they would give us some ale, *f* some ale, some ale, would

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*mf* and a pleas - ant fire, our souls to re - gale;

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give us some ale *p* our *mp* souls re - gale, our *mf* souls to re - gale;

give us some ale *fp* *mp* re - gale; our *mf* souls to re - gale;

*Poco Meno Mosso* *sostenuto*  
*reverently, like a hymn*

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*pp* we'd sing and we'd pray, all the live-long day; nor ev-er once wish from the

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*a Tempo*

*mp* Church to stray, then the Par-son might preach and drink and sing *p*

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*mp* and we'd be as hap-py as birds in the spring: *p* *mp* and

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drink and sing *p* *mp* and we'd be as hap-py as birds in the spring:

drink and sing *p* *mp* and we'd be as hap-py as birds in the spring:

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mod-est dame Lurch, who is al-ways at Church, *mf* would not have ban-dy chil-dren nor

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fast-ing nor birch. *p* *mp* *p* *f* And

fast-ing nor birch. *p* *mp* *p* *f* And

fast-ing nor birch, bandy chil-dren nor fast-ing nor birch *p* *mp* *p* *f* And

fast-ing nor birch, bandy chil-dren nor fast-ing nor birch nor fast-ing nor birch *p* *mp* *p* *f* And

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*ff* God like a fa-ther re-joic-ing to see, *f* his chil-dren as pleas-ant and hap-py as

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*ff* God like a fa-ther re-joic-ing to see, *f* his chil-dren

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He: His child - ren as pleas - ant and hap - py as

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child - ren as pleas - ant and hap - py, as hap - py as he His

child - ren as pleas - ant and hap - py, as hap - py as he His

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He: and as pleas - ant as He: and as hap - py and pleas - ant as

He: and as pleas - ant as He: and as hap - py and pleas - ant and

Chil - dren as pleas - ant and hap - py, as hap - py as He: hap - py as He:

child - ren as pleas - ant and hap - py, as hap - py as He: hap - py as He:

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*Poco Rit.* , *A tempo I*

hap - py and pleas - ant as He hehe hehe he He *p* with the

hap - py and pleas - ant as He hehe hehe he He *p* Would have *cresc.* no more quar - rel with the

hap - py and pleas - ant as He hehe hehe he He

hap - py and pleas - ant as He

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*cresc.* Dev-il or the Bar-rel, *mp* with the *cresc.* Dev-il or the

*mp* Dev-il or the Bar-rel, *cresc.* Would have no more quar-rel with the Dev-il or the

*mp* Would *cresc.* have no more quar-rel with the Dev-il or the

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*mf* Bar-rel, *cresc.* Would have no more quar-rel *f* with the Dev-il or the *ff* Bar-rel

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*ff* but kiss him and give him both drink and ap-par-rel. —

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