

THE LAMB

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Little Lamb, who made thee?

The speaker addresses the lamb and asks “who made thee?” (thee= you)

Does thou know who made thee?

The speaker sounds like he knows the answer and so he is asking the lamb if he knows who made him. (thou= you)

Gave thee life, and bid thee feed,

By the stream and o’er the mead;

The speaker wants to know who gave the lamb life and The child asks who gave the capacity to feed by the stream and over the meadow.

Gave thee clothing of delight,

Softest clothing wooly bright;

He also wants to know from the Lamb who supplied him with pleasant body –cover (clothing) which is softest, full of wool and shining. The lamb has been endowed with bright and soft wool which serves as its clothing.

Gave thee such a tender voice,

Making all the vales rejoice!

Little Lamb who made thee?

Dost thou know who made thee?

The Lamb is also asked by the child who gave him such delicate bleating voice, which sounds a happy note in the surrounding valleys.

Little Lamb I’ll tell thee,

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He is called by thy name,

For he calls himself a Lamb:

In these lines, there is an identification of the Lamb, Christ and the child. Christ has another name, that is Lamb, because Christ is meek and mild like Lamb.

He is meek & he is mild,

He became a little child:

I a child and thou a lamb,

We are called by his name.

Little Lamb God bless thee.

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Christ is called as meek and mild like the Lamb. Christ was also a child when he first appeared on this earth as the Son of God. So the little says he and the lamb is called by Christ's name. At last the little boy blesses the Lamb.