

For the Atlanta Master Chorale—Eric Nelson, conductor—
in honor of Sam Hagan for his years of artistry and service

Little Innocent Lamb

SATB *divisi, a cappella*

African American spiritual

Stacey V. Gibbs

Broadly ♩ = ca. 80

mf

Soprano

Lamb, lit - tle in - no - cent Lamb, — I'm a - gon - na serve him

Alto

Lamb, lit - tle in - no - cent Lamb, — I'm a - gon - na serve him

Tenor

Lamb, lit - tle in - no - cent Lamb, — I'm a - gon - na serve him

Bass

Lamb, lit - tle in - no - cent Lamb, — I'm a - gon - na serve — him

Broadly ♩ = ca. 80

(for rehearsal only)

Keyboard

Pronunciation Note: Sing “little” as *li-lee* and “Satan” as *Sa-'an* throughout.

Text and Tune: African American spiritual (PD).

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till I die. Lit - tle Lamb, lit - tle Lamb, lit - tle in - no - cent Lamb,

till I die. Lit - tle Lamb, lit - tle Lamb, lit - tle in - no - cent Lamb,

till I die. Lit - tle Lamb, lit - tle Lamb, lit - tle in - no - cent Lamb,

till I die. Lit - tle Lamb, lit - tle Lamb, lit - tle in - no - cent Lamb,

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p *rit.*
I'm gon - na serve him till I die, gon - na serve him till I die.

p *rit.*
I'm gon - na serve him till I die, gon - na serve him till I die.

p *rit.*
I'm gon - na serve him till I die, gon - na serve him till I die.

p *rit.*
I'm gon - na serve him till I die, gon - na serve him till I die.

Steadily ♩ = ca. 63

11 *f*

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

f

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

f

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

f

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

11 Steadily ♩ = ca. 63

14 *mf* *wailing* *f*

till I die. Oh, in - no-cent Lamb, —

mf *wailing* *f*

till I die. Oh, in - no-cent Lamb, —

mf *wailing* *f*

till I die. Oh, in - no-cent Lamb, —

mf *wailing* *f*

till I die. Oh, in - no-cent Lamb, —

14

17 *p*

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

p

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

p

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

p

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

17

21 *f*

Hyp - o - crite, hyp - o - crite, tell me what he'd do? I'm a - gon - na serve him

f

Hyp - o - crite, hyp - o - crite, tell me what he'd do? I'm a - gon - na serve him

f

Hyp - o - crite, hyp - o - crite, tell me what he'd do? I'm a - gon - na serve him

f

Hyp - o - crite, hyp - o - crite, tell me what he'd do? I'm a - gon - na serve — him

21

24

till I die. He'll talk a-bou' me, yes,

till I die. He'll talk a-bou' me, yes,

till I die. and he'll talk a-bou' you,

till I die. and he'll talk a-bou' you,

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27

I'm gon-na serve him till I die, gon-na serve him till I die.

I'm gon-na serve him till I die, gon-na serve him till I die.

I'm gon-na serve him till I die, gon-na serve him till I die.

I'm gon-na serve him till I die, gon-na serve him till I die.

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31

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

31

34

mf *wailing* *f*
till I die. — Oh, in - no - cent Lamb, —

mf *wailing* *f*
till I die. — Oh, in - no - cent Lamb, —

mf *wailing* *f*
till I die. — Oh, in - no - cent Lamb, —

mf *wailing* *f*
till I die. — Oh, in - no - cent Lamb, —

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37

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

37

41 *mf*

Sa-tan's got a slip-per - y, slip-per - y shoe, — I'm a - gon-na serve him

Sa-tan's got a slip-per - y, slip-per - y shoe, — I'm a - gon-na serve him

mf

Yes, I'm a - gon-na serve him

mf

Yes, I'm a - gon-na serve — him

41

44

till I die, — if you don' mind. — Yes,

till I die, — if you don' mind. — Yes,

till I die. — He's gon - na slip it on you, —

till I die. — He's gon - na slip it on you, —

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I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him till I die. —

47

51 *p* Ain' no dy - in' o - ver dere, ——— *mp* no dy - in',

p Ain' no dy - in' o - ver dere, ——— *mp* no dy - in',

p No, no, no dy - in', no dy - in', *mp*

p No, no, no dy - in', no dy - in', *mp*

51

54

no cry - in' in dat heav - en - ly lan',

no cry - in' in dat heav - en - ly lan',

no cry - in' in dat lan',

no cry - in' in dat lan',

54

57

ain' no dy - in' o - ver dere in dat heav - en - ly

ain' no dy - in' o - ver dere in dat heav - en - ly

ain' no dy - in' o - ver dere in dat heav - en - ly

ain' no dy - in' o - ver dere in dat heav - en - ly

57

60

lan', dere'll be joy, sweet joy.

lan', dere'll be joy, sweet joy.

lan', dere'll be joy, sweet joy.

lan', dere'll be joy, sweet joy.

60

65 *(f)*

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

(f)

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

(f)

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

(f)

Lit - tle Lamb, oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm a - gon - na serve him

65

68 *mf* *wailing* *f*

till I die... Oh, in - no - cent Lamb, —

mf *wailing* *f*

till I die... Oh, in - no - cent Lamb, —

mf *wailing* *f*

till I die... Oh, in - no - cent Lamb, —

mf *wailing* *f*

till I die... Oh, in - no - cent Lamb, —

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71

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him

I'm gon - na serve him till I die, — gon - na serve him

71

74

till I die. — Take one brick from Sa - tan's wall, —

till I die. — Take one brick from Sa - tan's wall, —

till I die. — Take one brick from Sa - tan's wall, —

till I die. — Take one brick from Sa - tan's wall, —

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Suddenly slower

77 *mf*

I'm a - gon - na serve him till I die. — Sa - tan's wall — is gon - na

mf

I'm a - gon - na serve him till I die, — tum - ble,

mf

I'm a - gon - na serve him till I die, — tum - ble,

mf

I'm a - gon - na serve him till I die, — tum - ble,

77 **Suddenly slower**

80 *rit.* **Previous tempo** *p*

tum - ble an' fall, — I'm gon - na serve him till I die, —

rit. *p*

tum - ble an' fall, — I'm gon - na serve him till I die, —

rit. *p*

tum - ble an' fall, — I'm gon - na serve him till I die, —

rit. *p*

tum - ble an' fall, — I'm gon - na serve him till I die, —

80 **Previous tempo**

rit.

83 *pp* gon - na serve him till I die. — *mf* Lamb, — lit - tle Lamb, —

pp gon - na serve him till I die. — *mf* Oh, in - no - cent,

pp gon - na serve him till I die. — *mf* Lamb, — lit - tle Lamb, —

pp gon - na serve him till I die. — *mf* Oh, in - no - cent,

83

86 gon - na serve, gon - na serve my Lord,

oh, lit - tle Lamb, gon - na serve, gon - na serve my Lord,

gon - na serve, gon - na serve my Lord,

oh, lit - tle Lamb, I'm gon - na serve him

86

88 *cresc. al fine*

till I die.— Lamb, in - no - cent Lamb,— serve him,

cresc. al fine

till I die.— Lamb, in - no - cent Lamb,— serve him,

cresc. al fine

till I die.— Lamb, in - no - cent Lamb,— serve him, gon - na

cresc. al fine

till I die.— Lamb, in - no - cent Lamb,— serve him, gon - na

88

92 *rit. fff*

serve him, serve him,— in - no - cent Lamb!—

rit. fff

serve him, serve him,— in - no - cent Lamb!—

rit. fff

serve him, serve him,— in - no - cent Lamb!—

rit. fff

serve him, serve him,— in - no - cent, in - no - cent Lamb!—

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