

My People

The Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy asks that the traditional Reproaches (the Improperia) not be sung, because they have been taken to be anti-Semitic. Instead, My People or other Passiontide songs are suggested.

People:

Em G Bm Em

My peo - ple, what have I done to you?

Em+9 Em7 Bm Em

My peo - ple, how have I of - fend-ed you?

Am Em Em/D

Be - cause I led you forth from the land of E - gypt,

C Bm Em Am Em

You pre- pared a cross for your Sav - ior.

Leader:

1. Once I planted you as my precious vine,
But you have yielded me just very bitter wine.
For you I scourged the first-born of mighty Pharaoh's land;
My Son in turn was whipped by a stranger's hand.

2. When Moses split the sea, then I stemmed the tide;
Now you have thrown a lance right in your Savior's side.
I led you out of Egypt right through the parted sea;
You sold my Son away into slavery.

3. I fed you bread from heaven those desert years;
And all you gave my Son was laughter, taunts, and jeers.
I gave you living water when Moses struck the rock;
And when your Savior died, you could only mock.

4. I led you forty years through the desert sand,
I fed you forty years with manna from my hand.
I led you, one and all, to live in your own land;
And you prepared a cross for your Savior.