

Little Innocent Lamb

Negro Spiritual
Collected* and arranged by
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Refrain

Allegro moderato $\text{♩}=72$

The main musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The first system is the refrain, starting with a piano (*mp*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Lit-tle Lamb, lit-tle Lamb, lit-tle in-no-cent Lamb,". The second system continues with: "I'm a-gon-na serve God till I die,— Lit-tle Lamb, lit-tle Lamb, lit-tle". The third system continues with: "in-no-cent Lamb, I'm a-gon-na serve God till I die.— in-no-cent Lamb,". The fourth system is marked "1. Hyp-o-crite," and includes the lyrics: "Hyp-o-crite, Tell you what he do, I'm a-gon-na serve God". Dynamics include *mp*, *p*, and *mf*.

Partial musical score on the right margin, showing the continuation of the refrain: "till I".

Partial musical score on the right margin, showing the continuation of the refrain: "I'm a-".

Partial musical score on the right margin, showing the continuation of the refrain: "in-no".

Partial musical score on the right margin, showing the continuation of the refrain: "Lamb, I".

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He'll talk a-bout me,—

till I die,—

And he'll talk a-bout you,

talk a-bout you,

Refrain

I'm a-gon-na serve God till I die.—

Lit-tle Lamb, lit-tle Lamb, lit-tle

in-no-cent Lamb,

I'm a-gon-na serve God till I die,—

Lit-tle

Lamb, lit-tle Lamb, lit-tle in-no-cent Lamb,

I'm a-gon-na serve God

in-no-cent Lamb,

2. Deb-bil, he's — got a slip-per - y shoe,
till I die. —

p I'm a-gon-na serve God till I die, — *mf* Now if you don't mind, he gon-na

slip it on you, *p* I'm a-gon-na serve God till I die. *pp* 'Cause den
mf slip it on you, *p*

pp ain' no dy - in' o - ber dere, in dat heb - ben - ly
pp 'Cause dere ain' no dy - in' o - ber

lan', — In dat *sempre p*
lan', dat heb - ben - ly lan', dat heb - ben - ly lan', —
In dat heb - ben - ly, in dat heb - ben - ly
sempre p
lan', — In dat heb - ben - ly lan', —

lan', 'Cause dere
 in dat heb - ben - ly —
 lan', No dy in o - ber
 in dat 'Cause dere

ain' no dy in' o - ber dere, —
scen
 ain' no dy in' o - ber heb - ben - ly lan', —
mf con spirito
 o - ber in dat heb - ben - ly, —

In dat heb - ben - ly lan', Dere'll be joy! joy! —
 joy! — joy!

3. Jes' take one brick from Sa-tan's wall, I'm a-gon-na serve God
 I'm a-gon-na serve God

til I die, Sa-tan's wall gon-na tum-ble an' fall, —
 tum-ble an' fall,

p *Refrain*

I'm a - gon - na serve God till I die. — Lit - tle

p

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

p

till I die, — Lit - tle Lamb, lit - tle Lamb, lit - tle

mp

in - no - cent Lamb, — I'm a - gon - na serve God

p

in - no - cent Lamb,

till I die. — 'Cause dere ain' no dy - in' o - ber

pp

'Cause dere

dere, —

ain'

lan', —

lan', da

lan', —

lan',

in

lan',

in

ain' scen

dere,

ain'

In c

Lit - tle

erve God

God

o - ber

ere

dere, — in dat heb - ben - ly
ain' no dy - in' o - ber

lan', — In dat
lan', dat heb - ben - ly lan', dat heb - ben - ly lan', —
lan', — In dat heb - ben - ly, in dat heb - ben - ly
lan', — In dat heb - ben - ly lan', —

lan', 'Cause dere
in dat heb - ben - ly lan', No dy - in' o - ber Cause dere
in dat

ain' no dy - in' o - ber dere, —
dere, in dat heb - ben - ly lan', —
ain' no dy - in' o - ber o - ber in dat heb - ben - ly,

In dat heb - ben - ly lan', Dere'll be joy! joy! — joy!
In dat heb - ben - ly lan', Dere'll be joy! joy! — joy!