

LYRICS (in English)

Cantata *Ich habe genug*, BWV 82 (1727) Johann Sebastian Bach

1. Aria

I have enough,
I have taken the Savior,
the hope of the devout,
Into my eager arms;
I have enough!

I have seen him,
My faith has brought Jesus to my heart;
Now, even today,
I could joyfully depart from here.

2. Recitative

I have enough.
My sole consolation is
That Jesus is mine, and I am his.
I hold him in faith,
For along with Simeon
I see the joy of that life.
Let us go with this man!
Oh! if only the Lord would free me
From the prison of this body;
Oh! if only my end had come,
With what joy I would say to the world:
I have enough.

3. Aria

Rest in sleep, you weary eyes,
Close softly and joyfully!

World, I am not staying here,
There is no longer any part of you
Necessary to my soul.

Here I must endure sorrow,
But there, there I shall find
Sweet peace, quiet rest.

4. Recitative

My God! when shall that beautiful
moment come,
When I depart in peace
Into the cool earth
And find rest there, in your arms?

My parting words are finished,
World, good night!

5. Aria

I greet death with joy,
Oh, would that it had already come.

For then I shall escape the suffering
That ties me to the world.