

# AMNS 56 Forty days and forty nights

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Melody: Aus der Tiefe (Heinlein)  
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1. For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2. sun-beams scorch-ing all the day; chil - ly dew-drops night - ly shed;  
3. Shall not we thy sor-rows share, and from earth - ly joys ab-stain,

for - ty days and for - ty nights temp-ted, and yet un - de-filed:  
prowl-ing beasts a - bout thy way; stones thy pil-low, earth thy bed.  
fast-ing with un - ceas-ing prayer, glad with thee to suf - fer pain?

4. And if Sa - tan, vex - ing sore, flesh or spi - rit should as - sail,  
5. So shall we have peace di - vine; ho - lier glad-ness ours shall be;  
6. Keep, O keep us, Sa - viour dear, ev - er con-stant by thy side;

thou, his van-quist - er be-fore, grant we may not faint nor fail.  
round us too shall an - gels shine, such as mi - nis - tered to thee.  
that with thee we may ap - pear at the'e-ter - nal Ea - ster-tide.