

Verse	Transcription of original text by Bo Andersson	English Translation by Pamela Dellal
1	O großer Gott dú aller welt gebiether/ dú wonders =man dú treue wacht/ dú treue wacht vnd Hüter/ Achneige doch dein gnädigß ohr Zú mir/ ver =nim waß Jch in Einfalt bringe für.	O great God, you the ruler of the whole world, you miracle-worker, you faithful guardian and watcher; ah, bow down your gracious ear to me; receive what I bring to you in simplicity.
2	Es will der múnt den dú mir haft ge geben mit freúden sich Zú deinem lob erheben/ mein hertz únd Sinn íft gantz daraúf bedacht/ wie das dein rúhm seý recht her fúr gebracht.	The mouth, that you have given me, will be uplifted with joy to praise you; my heart and mind are entirely devoted bringing forth your glory rightly.
3	doch was bin Jch vnd was íft meine Zúnge/ wer íft der mensch dem die ses recht gelünge/ wer einen blick núr thút in dieses Licht/ dem blent es ítrack sein schwaches ange sicht;	Yet, who am I, and what is my tongue; who is the person, who could achieve this well; when a single glance at this brilliant light straightaway blinds his feeble sight?
4	Dú bist Zú groß Zú starck Zú hoch zú mächtig/ dein wißen íft gantz heýlig rein vnd prächtig/ die Ewigkeit gibt dir alleine raúm/ für deinen glantz vergeht der Erden schaúm.	You are too great, too powerful, too lofty, too mighty; your being is entirely holy, pure, and glorious; only eternity provides you space enough; the froth of the world dissolves before your radiance.
5	wie treú vnd gútt voll lib vnd voll Erbarmen/ Beschützel dú vnd nimbst dich an der Armen/ der Sünder stoltz hemt deiner Langmúht nicht/ dein wúnsch íft stetz aúf únser heýl gericht.	How faithfully and kindly, full of love and mercy, you protect and take to yourself the poor; the pride of the sinner cannot blunt your patience; your wish is always dedicated to our salvation.
6	Den Klúgen sinn bist dú Zú Klúg Zú nennen/ von Einfalt láßt dú dich O Gott Erkennen/ wer íft der doch er forschet deinen Raht/ der deinen weg vnd gang erlernt hatt.	For the clever mind you are too subtle to describe; to the simple you allow yourself, O God, to be known; who is it, who could fathom your design, who has learned your ways and your intent?
7	wie treflich kanst dú deine Sach aúß führen/ wie plötzlich múß dein grim den feint berühren/ Dú stürtzeit balt gewaltig Reich vnd Thron/ vnd allen gibst dú noch ver dienten Lohn.	How gloriously do you fulfill your deeds; how suddenly must your wrath strike the wicked; quickly you overthrow kingdom and throne with might, and to all you still give their deserved reward.
8	Herr deiner macht! der Kan eß Niemalß fehlen/ dú dringest gar inß innerste der Seelen/ da wirckest dú da Zwingst und Zeügstú an/ das man es nicht genúg aúß sprechen Kan.	Lord, your power! it can never fail; you penetrate indeed into the inmost soul; there you work your will and reveal that which no one can fully speak about.
9	dú bist geleich im himmel vnd aúf Erden/ ia alles múß von dir erfüllt werden/ ent Zögstú vns núr ein mahl deine handt/ wier würden stracks ein leres nichts genant.	You are the same in heaven and on earth; indeed everything must be accomplished by you; if you withdraw your hand even for only a moment, we would straightaway become an empty nothingness.
10	O hátt ich macht dein lob recht aúß Zú Singen/ wie solt es doch den Engeln gleich erklingen/ doch hoff ich daß in meinem schwachen Sinn/ Jch meinem Gott dennoch ge fällig bin.	O, if I only had the power to rightly sing your praise, it would sound just like the angels; yet I hope that, even with my weak abilities, I might still be pleasing to my God.