

WYNFRITH (CONT'D)

Will you cast us off for ever? I have come to till, to sow, to harvest. But when, Lord, will the harvest come? You are the God that does wonders. That makes himself known among the nations. Your lightnings shake the world. The earth shakes and trembles at your coming. When, O Lord, will you show yourself to these men? What would you have me do here, Lord, while I wait upon you will? Come, Holy Spirit.

SILENCE.

083 WYNFRITH (CONT'D)

Lord, speak to your servant. Thy will be done. In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritui Sancti.

Side 2

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084 GREGORY

Bishop, may I have a word?

085 WYNFRITH

Of course, Gregory.

086 GREGORY

Perhaps, Bishop, it is time to wipe the dust from our feet in Hesse.

087 WYNFRITH

Not you, too, Gregory. You want us to leave?

088 GREGORY

Think of what our Lord says in the Gospel. If men reject the Gospel, you wipe the dust from your feet and move on. They've heard you. Then they beat you. Time to wipe the dust.

089 WYNFRITH

These men have not rejected the Gospel here, Gregory. Think of Theobald. Think of the men here we have befriended, who've helped us to build. Think of all the sick we've helped in our infirmary.

090 GREGORY

We would be better stewards of what God has given us if we turn our time and attention to the places the people do want Christ. Saxony. Thuringia. But Bishop, Hesse is stony ground.

091 WYNFRITH

God's love will soak in. Hesse will bear a great harvest. We must be patient.

092 GREGORY

Bishop, we are throwing pearls to swine!

093 WYNFRITH

No, Gregory. The Hessians do not reject Christ, not yet. The fear of Donar blinds them. If we can just show them, bit by bit, day by day, a longsuffering love -

094 GREGORY

And how long will you let this suffering go on?

095 WYNFRITH

If it is the fear of martyrdom that causes you concern--

096 GREGORY

(interrupting)

Wynfrith, it is not martyrdom to die because of your stubborn refusal to see reality!

(a beat, more gently)

Wynfrith. Bishop Boniface. I am sorry. I didn't mean that.

097 WYNFRITH

It...It is forgiven. I...You're right. It is not easy to know what to do. If you think we should leave Hesse, please, speak with the brothers. I would have their counsel in this matter as well.

098 GREGORY

I am sorry, Bishop. I didn't mean to--

099 WYNFRITH
(interrupting)
Ask the brothers what they think,
Gregory. Now.

100 GREGORY
Yes, excellency.

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101 WYNFRITH
(softly)
May God's will be revealed through
my brothers. Come, Holy Spirit.

GREGORY SKITTERS AWAY. THE SLOW SHUFFLE OF
THEOBALD'S FEET ON THE FLOOR.

102 THEOBALD
Bishop. Would you actually leave?

103 WYNFRITH
Theobald -

104 THEOBALD
Would you actually leave us? Now?

SUDDEN SHOUTING OUTDOORS THROUGH THE WALLS.

105 WYNFRITH
What is that?

MONKS RUN, SHOUTING. THE WOOSH OF FLAMES.

106 GREGORY (O.C.)
Fire! Fire! Get out of the
monastery! The monastery is on
fire!

10 OUTRO

Outro music.

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