

All Heaven Declares: Noel & Tricia Richards (1987)¹

Visualisation: Polydirectional (PD) worship

Analysis: All heaven declares the beauty of the risen lord, perhaps conflates Ps.27:4 and Rv.5 *et al.* Does the forever line deny role change? Does not the army stand down once the war has comprehensively ended? Will the husband forever be a bridegroom, once wed? Will God's son always remain as [warrior] lamb² upon the throne? Has God's son always remained a baby in a manger? Bow the knee is archaic. Worship him alone is lite Onlyism: why dethrone the trinity? *Who* is with *you* (personal pronoun), *what* belongs with your beauty (abstract noun): thingish, not whoish. The knee is more English and personal as my knee.³ The 2nd stanza is theodirectional.

Suggestions: Replace who can, **by** what can; he will be, **by** he might be; I gladly bow the knee, **by** I gladly bow my knee, him alone, **by** in his home.

Rewarding? Ambiguous: it's good to say *see the lamb*, but bad to say *see only the lamb*.

BAG	A	B	C	D	E	F	G ^{1,2}	H ^{1,2}	I	J ^{1,2,3}	K	L	M	Total	Grade
	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	60	-	24	-	-	-	8	E

¹ <http://noelrichards.bandcamp.com/track/all-heaven-declares>. All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord / who can compare with the beauty of the Lord? / Forever you (he) will be / the Lamb upon the throne / I gladly bow the knee / and worship you (him) alone / I will proclaim / the glory of the risen Lord / who once was slain / to reconcile man to God. Error underlined; correction in brackets.

² Note first that *arnion* isn't the common NT term for *lamb*. I also note that apocalyptic writings sometimes used animal pictures to symbolise great leaders (for example 1 Enoch 90:9 called the Maccabees *horned lambs*), that the OT often used *horns* to speak of strength, that *Revelation's arnion* has *seven* (perfect number) horns, and had victoriously come through death (as we should) into a postmortem role (Rv.5:6: Leon Morris' *Tyndale NT Commentaries: Revelation*, 1995:94f.). The role of lambship in Rv. (in 31 verses over 11 chapters), linked to the Gospel role *amnos* (lamb), isn't passive or sacrificial and paradigms cosmic warfare Christians have always faced.

³ www.noelrichards.com has *the*, but some sites have made the change I suggest.

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A = Mixed Themes (-4); B = Incompletism (-4); C = Archaism (-8);

D = Blessing God (-4); E = Buddy or Boyfriend (-4); F = Polytheism (-8); G = Voxdeism: Soft (-24), Hard (-48);

H = Unitarianism: Soft (-60), Hard (-72); I = Misdirection (-12); J = Misvisualisation: Soft (-12), Mid (-24), Hard (-36); K = Boasting (-8); L = Decontextualising (-8); M = Hermit Harakiri (-12)