



What God Ordains Is Always Good

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Text: Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan; Samuel Rodigast (1674); *tr. The Lutheran Hymnal* (1941), *alt.*

Tune: Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan; Severus Gastorius (1679)

Setting: Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel (1690–1749);

S.
A.

1 What God or - dains is al - ways good:
2 What God or - dains is al - ways good:
3 What God or - dains is al - ways good:

T.
B.

5

His will is just— and ho - ly.
He nev - er will— de - ceive me;
His lov - ing thought at - tends me;

10

As He di - rects my life for me,
He leads me in His righ - teous way,
No poi - son can be in the cup

15

I fol - low meek and low - ly.
 And nev - er will He leave me.
 That my Phy - si - cian sends me.

20

My God in - deed In ev' - ry need
 I take con - tent What He has sent;
 My God is true; Each morn - ing new

26

Knows well how He will shield me;
 His hand that sends me sad - ness
 I trust His grace un - end - ing,

31

To Him, then, I will yield me.
 Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
 My life to Him com - mend - ing.

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4 What God or - dains is al - ways good:
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5

He is my friend and Fa - ther;
Though I the cup am drink - ing
This truth re - mains un - shak - en.

10

He suf - fers naught to do me harm
Which sa - vors now of bit - ter - ness,
Though sor - row, need, or death be mine,

15

Though man - y storms may gath - er.
I take it with - out shrink - ing,
I shall not be for - sak - en.

20

Now I may know Both joy and woe;
For af - ter grief God gives re - lief,
I fear no harm, For with His arm

26

Some - day I shall see clear - ly
My heart with com - fort fill - ing
He shall em - brace and shield me;

31

That He has loved me dear - ly.
And all my sor - row still - ing
So to my God I yield me.