

Thus I Resolved Before the Lord

Isaac Watts, 1719.

Franois Barthlmon(1741-1808)

Thus I resolved before the Lord,

"Now will I watch my tongue;

Lest I let slip one sinful word,

Or do my neighbor wrong."

And if I'm e'er constrained to stay

With men of lives profane,

I'll set a double guard that day,

Nor let my talk be vain.

I'll scarce allow my lips to speak

The pious thoughts I feel,

Lest scoffers should th'occasion take

To mock my holy zeal.

Yet if some proper hour appear,

I'll not be overawed,

But let the scoffing sinners hear

That I can speak for God.