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## Carl Orff ''Ego Sum Abbas''

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I who wait and writhe and wrestle With air that hath no boughs to nestle My body weary of empty clasp Strong as a lion and sharp as an asp Give me the sign of the Open Eye And the token erect of the thorny thigh And the word of madness and mystery Scapegoat

I am a man Do as thou wilt as a great god can I am awake In the grip of the snake The eagle slashes with beak and claw The gods withdraw The great beasts come Scapegoat

Goat of thy flock I am gold I am god Flesh to thy bone - flower to thy rod Thrust the sword through the galling fetter

With hoofs of steel I race on the rocks Through solstice stubborn to equinox All-devourer - all-bequetter

And I rave And I rape and I rip and I rend Everlasting - world without end Scapegoat

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