

Ann Waters was born in the parish of
St Andrew near Rochester in Kent, soon after
came with her parents to London, when she was
about 15 years old. She went a little while to Mr.
Hart's School, after wards she came home again
to her parents, having got the small pox, where she
remained till 5th year, 1741. when 9th Dr^m began for
the Childrens Economy in Little Mile street. She soon
had 9 favour to be one of them; Year 1742, they
remov'd to Lamb's Inn, our Saviour began then to work
upon her heart that one could perceive it; Nov^r 13th 1746
She came to Mile end with 9 Girls Economy, 1748. She was
Received into 9 Great girls Choir; and 9 same year in-
to 9 Congregation, which proved a great blessing to her.
She soon felt a longing desire to be a partaker of 9 holy
Sacrament, which was soon granted to her November 9
13th 1750. it had such a respect upon her that one could
perceive it in all her Actions, her heart was really engaged
with our Saviour in such a manner, that if she felt any
thing which was not right, she was a sinner about it in her
own heart before any one could tell her of it. She soon became
useful on account of her being so active in Reading & Writing
& she performed this ~~Task~~ among 9 Children with great faith
fullness; in year 1752 she with several others was Received
into the Singel Dr^m Choir by Ann Joanna, which was a great
pleasure & satisfaction to her. by which means she set apart
her self a Nov^r to her Bridegroom saying she was now in that
Choir out of which she should go to our Saviour, and
now her only wish and longing was, to be here in this
time a faithfull Virgin, and to remain always near his
Wounds. She was anxious some times about her self and
prayed her Bridegroom to keep her safe in his Armes
till her Dying Life was over, of which she got 9 assurance
in a dream, that our Saviour would preserve her.
When she heard of her coming to York shire, she was very
much rejoiced, her Mother asked her if she did not
like better to stay in London, she answered, No, I feel
it is our Saviours will for me to go and live in the
Choir house at grace-hall, in 1753. She came here in
company with Dr^m Dorgy, and some more Dr^m and
Children were she has gone on a quiet uninterrupted
course of Life, being very chearfull and happy
resolv'd never to come in to the like occasion again.

When ^{of} friends Choir: Lords-Supper was kept here by the dear Disciple and ^{of} Mother, she had the grace to be one of that Company, the feeling of which has remained always of some abiding presence to her. She has remained about it in her sickness with such a feeling, that it spoke of heart of all those who were about her, she has belted in the Choir-house a very Usefull Person, in translating an ^{of} Whiteing Choir discourses, and many other things belonging to the house.

Since the Girls Economy came to York, which she has kept their Whiteing School with faithfulness and they miss her very much, she had a periculous gift for making hymns both for her self and others, at the time when ^{of} Girls Economy came here, she began to swell, and be painfull to her, she also lost her voice for singing and it was hard for her to speak we thought she would be better, and it was so for a while but after wards it returned, and she was her long, and she began to spit blood again at New Years Night. Watch just when the Congregation of ^{of} New Year, it was impressed on her heart, that this was the last she should ever keep here, she wept exceedingly, and said in her heart, Dear Saviour,

Shall I keep my Next Watch with thee, or in another Congregation? She soon got the feeling, that it should be with him, but she kept it to her self.

About the Middle of April, she was suddenly seized with a fit, her Disorder turned to a Consumption, & she was now obliged to take to ^{of} Sick-room. She grew weaker from day to day, and as we could see plainly that her time was near. We let her Mother know who came soon after, and stayed with her till her Departure, which was agreed satisfaction to her, ^{of} 18th. instant she was taken with Convulsion fits, about 6 in ^{of} Morning we thought she would go, but she recovered again, being very sorry that our Saviour had not taken her, as that we could hardly persuade her to be satisfied, in ^{of} after noon she desired to see her room Sisters, and gave each something to remember her, kissed them and begged them to give her Love to ^{of} Mary

Ever Since that time we have been in constant expectation of her Departure, so that she would never let her Labourers go from her bed-side, lest they should miss giving her ^{of} blessing of her Choir ^{of} 22nd. She awoke in ^{of} Morning saying, I believe my dear Lamb will now come to fetch me; then she began to sing quit loud, then, Amen, Amen will they cry, still join in sweet harmony, &c. then I shall permishion &c. join ^{of} bride would married be some dear Lord &c. Don't Disturb me now &c. then she desired ^{of} Sophia who Watched with her, to sing that Hymn Lord Jesus fountain of my Life, and told her ^{of} Page with her Stammering Tongue, this was done till to those words, grant me a sweet and descent end, and take me when my head I bend, thy napkin and thy winding sheet will soon bind my head breast hands and feet, were she joined and sang quit lively, then she scalded her hands, crying out Out O my Precious Lamb stand buy me in my last moments here I see thee on ^{of} Cross, O my Lamb I come to thee, I come to thee, then she went to sleep, a little while afterwards she awoke and said, I have been dreaming that I was with our Saviour and said to him, I am come to thee as a poor Sinner with all ^{of} Love of ^{of} Choir O he Loves ^{of} Single ^{of} Choir O he Loves to bless us; then turning her to her Mother she said: O my dear Mother, our Saviour Loves you very much? He Loves the Widows, and he will bless them they are Choir ^{of} also, she said further to her Mother, what a favour and grace is it that we are both in the Congregation, and one body with our Saviour. Just bear you on my heart before our Saviour that he may bless you and bring you through, you have done a great deal for me, then she took her in her arms and kissed her, ^{of} 26th.

Being our docturnal day we told her of it. She rejoiced and said, she should like best to keep

The Love feast above will we keep^t here below
She continued ^{of} whole day, longing for her
Bridegroom to fetch her, in ^{the} Evening hearing
Mr. Dargy to ^{the} Meeting hall, She asked what
they was a going to have; Mr. Dargy told her
we should have the Cup of Thanksgiving & said
She if I could enjoy that once more, how glad
should I be, her Desire was granted under unexpec-
table feeling, of his nearness which will not be
forgot by those present after that she was quite
composed for some time, then she began to express how
she felt our Saviour quit near her, and said here
is my Bridegroom, here he stands and smiles at me
He has washed me in his blood, I am clean, I am
clean, He has made me a pure Virgin, for Christ
has for given me all my sins, now I come to thee pure
& clean, clothed in thy own Righteousness, thus she
continued all the night, with singing and speaking
the day after she was much ^{of} the same continually
longing and calling, for her beloved, in ^{the} Evening
she began to be quite still, and her speech failed
her, so that we could not understand all that she
said, some times we perceived that she was speak-
ing with our Saviour mentioning the Choir in Grace-
hall, how he shall bless them
On ^{the} 20th she went under a soft Liturgy between
ten and eleven o'clock in ^{the} Morning over in to the
Arms of her Eternal Bridegroom and lover
under ^{the} blessing of Mr. Dargy during ^{the} singing
of that Vers pail lips kiss her upon the heart

