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Thro' the conduct of my Parents & the  
Education I rec'd from them, I became in my  
Infancy desirous of an acquaintance with our  
Sav<sup>r</sup>, whereupon I entered into the care of the  
Bro<sup>r</sup>, & about my 6<sup>th</sup> year, I ~~went to~~ frequent<sup>ed</sup> the  
School in Morefield, where one Day Bro<sup>r</sup> Heldt  
being in a close Conversation with the Children,  
made mention of our Sav<sup>r</sup> Side ~~the wound in~~, which par-  
ticularly drew my attention, it seemed to me as  
if I had never heard of that Place before, I  
could not rest till I had made Enquiry about it  
of one of my Sis<sup>r</sup>, who informed me that it  
was the Place which the Soldier pierc'd when  
our Sav<sup>r</sup> shed His Blood for the Remission of Sins  
& expired on the Cross for the Salvation of all  
poor Sinners; this fill'd me with a real concern  
& encreas'd my Desire after the Knowledge of our  
Sav<sup>r</sup> & I long'd very much to know that dear  
Place in His Side, & to be therein a happy &  
good Child: in order to attain thereto I occu-  
pied my self in learning Verses, & thought by  
constant singing of our Sav<sup>r</sup> & His Side, to  
procure for my self that acquaintance with  
Him, which my Heart wanted. when speaking  
with my Sis<sup>r</sup> who kept the School, she told me  
that the Method I had began would not ~~bring~~  
~~make me~~ acquainted with our Sav<sup>r</sup>, this touch'd me  
very deeply & brought many Tears from my Eyes

She also added, that if we children desired  
to become our dear Sav<sup>r</sup> & would pray Him  
to help us, He would draw near to our hearts  
& make us happy thro' the spirits of those  
wounds which we were so desirous of being  
acquainted with. to all this I listened very at-  
tentively, & went on 4 or 5 years, longing child-  
like in my heart to become our Sav<sup>r</sup>. in my  
10<sup>th</sup> year I was put into a class with other  
children which was very weighty to me, here I  
perceived that I had not yet attained to any  
feeling knowledge in my heart, which I from this  
time continued longing after. In my 13<sup>th</sup> year  
I was led by our dear Sis<sup>r</sup> Anna Johanna  
into the great girls choir, which proved a real  
Blessing <sup>to me</sup>, & caused <sup>in me</sup> such a new stirring of  
Grace, <sup>in me</sup> that I ~~had not~~ felt nothing could  
satisfy me until my dearest Sav<sup>r</sup> would please  
to manifest Himself to my worthless heart, that  
I thereby might be cured of all my sinfulness  
thru' His precious Blood; This Longing continued  
till my 15<sup>th</sup> year, in which I felt a change &  
unsteadiness in my self, which caused me many  
heavy hours, I privately bemoan'd this my con-  
dition with many tears: I felt my self overpowered  
with the depravity of my nature, hence I with-  
drew as much as possible, from all kind of  
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which Way to take, & woud rather have given  
up all than feel the perplexities which I now  
labour'd under: in this Extremity of Heart &  
Mind I withdrew into a Field, where I prostrated  
myself before my Lord & Maker, begging Him to direct  
& shew me what course to take; after a few moments  
Pause, I felt an Intimation in my Heart  
to return to my former Purpose of becoming  
entirely our Sav<sup>as</sup>. here my great perplexity  
left me & I felt some comfort; I plainly per-  
ceived the dangerous Path I had been pursuing,  
by my unfaithful Course, which caus'd me many  
Tears. I cheerfully returned to my Class & converse  
with my dear Labourer about the Situation of my  
Heart, & beg'd Forgiveness. all the Opportunities  
were now more lively & engaging to me than  
before. I felt a real Fellowship with my Choir &  
a Degree of comfort in my Heart.

In my 16<sup>th</sup> Year I had the grace to be received into  
the Convent, it was quite unexpected I being from  
a sense of my great unworthiness discouraged  
& almost out of Hope & ~~it~~ could not expect  
to enjoy such a grace, this together with my  
Reception into the Little Virgin's Choir (which hap-  
pened about the same time) filled my Heart & Eyes  
with blushing Tears & bow'd me in the very dust  
for shame; ~~falling~~ I was at this Interval under  
a special Labour of the dear Mother by whose

gracious intimations I saw & felt the separa-  
tion of my wretched Nature & that I was not yet  
according to my Sav<sup>o</sup> mind, yet I felt refresh-  
ing comforts from His gracious nearness.

I now felt a great desire to live in the Choir-  
House but my circumstances not permitting it, I was  
much grieved & shed many Tears on that account.  
but I enjoyed the ~~opportunities~~<sup>Meetinges</sup> with real grace &  
Blessing. In my 18<sup>th</sup> year I obtained leave to move  
into the Gummersel-Economy, this was a blessed  
School for my poor Heart, here in Conversation &  
Fellowship with the Sis<sup>o</sup> my Heart came into a  
closer Connection with my dearest Sav<sup>r</sup>, & a better  
Understanding of the blessed Lessons from the dear  
Holy-Ghost. at this time I also felt a great long-  
ing in my Heart ~~after~~ after the  
enjoyment of my dear Lord's Corpse & Blood; the  
Nov<sup>r</sup> following, I became a Partaker of that in-  
expressable grace which melted me into shame  
& deep abasement. about 6 months after I re-  
moved into the Choir-House where I was placed  
among' the great girls, this was a quite par-  
ticular Period of my Life wherein the faithful  
Labour of the dear Mother brought me to feel  
how short I still was in the true Knowledge of  
the Sinner Point. At that remarkable & by me  
never to be forgotten Choir Communion March 1772  
I also saw my Deficiency in Sacrament & Choir  
Ideas, which made a deep impression upon my

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my Heart. at the Participation of the holy Corpse I got  
an Insight into my connexion with my dearest  
Sav<sup>r</sup>, so as I never felt it before.

On the Single-Sis<sup>ts</sup>-Festival May 1759 I was  
recd into the Single-Sis<sup>ts</sup>-Choir: This awful Trans-  
action made a deep Impression upon me; my Heart  
thus giv<sup>n</sup> & overpowered enter'd into a Covenant with  
my Sav<sup>r</sup> to live & abide ~~the~~ by Him eternally from  
this very Day. The Opportunities on this special Day of  
grace & blessing, together with my Transition from my  
late Choir & Clas<sup>s</sup> Companions, had such an effect  
upon me, that now a ~~new~~ new Schooling commen<sup>d</sup>.  
I attain'd to a farther Knowledge of my Heath &  
natural Deportivity, but thos' the grace & Fellowship  
which I enjoyd among' the Sis<sup>ts</sup>, & also the blessed  
Labour in my Choir, I learnt how to treat, & bring  
each circumstance before the Heart of my dearest  
Bridegroom, who by his bloody Grace overcame and  
help'd me on from Day to Day, so that I became  
quite cheerful & happy in my Heart, & thankful for  
that blessed Election which united & incircled me in  
his Virgin-Choir.

After some months Enjoyment of a blessed Intermission  
of grace & special Leading of my best Friend, I was  
attack'd by Symptoms of a Disorder which very much  
affected my Mind, & in some measure retarded my happy  
& cheerful course; thus I spent some months in serious  
Thoughts & Reflections, believing at the same time that  
my dearest Sav<sup>r</sup> suffer'd my body to be afflicted in  
order to keep me the more circumspic<sup>tly</sup> by my Heart.  
Thus far her own words

Towards the later end of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1760 she moved  
into the Sick-Room: here one could plainly perceive  
that she had hopes her Time ~~would~~ would not  
be long, which caus'd a particular cheerfulness in her  
Look: her ardent longing was to be speedily released  
from her Bodily Pain, having endur'd a great deal,  
her Disorder being of an oppressive kind, & of a long  
duration, she became again somewhat thoughtful con-  
cerning her Heart: she often said "O what can there  
be between me & my Sav<sup>r</sup> which delays my going  
to him. in this her concern of mind we comforted  
her, & bid her have Patience. April 5<sup>th</sup> 1761. her Cls.  
Sis<sup>r</sup> had a Love-Feast in the Sick-Room, which was  
a particular joy to her. She frequently asked if any  
one could inform her of the Time when her wish'd  
for Hour woud strike, to know this was all she wanted,  
for nothing cou'd satisfy her Heart, but the thoughts  
of giving her Bridegroom soon the meeting.

Thus she spent her Days in a Sabbathick stillness  
speaking very little.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of May the desir'd to see Sis<sup>r</sup> Mary whom  
she saluted with a particular cheerfulness & serenity,  
which was observ'd by all the Sis<sup>r</sup> in the room. we  
were all of opinion that she might probably go  
that Day, when this was mentioned to her, she seemed  
extremly glad thereof, but when she recollect'd that  
all the Sis<sup>r</sup> woud be engag'd (it being our Festival) &  
ought to come be inconvenient, she knew not what to  
choose; yet said she, I am truly resign'd to the  
will of my best Friend, may He do with me his poor  
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by which it was discernable that her Separation drew near.  
in this Situation she continued till about 3 in the  
Morning, when her Labours kept her an anointed  
Liturgy, & imparted unto her the Blessing of her Chois.  
Thus the Home-pick-Dove took flight into the Wounds  
of her beloved Bridegroom, about 4 O'Clock in the  
Morning in the 21<sup>st</sup> year of her age.

She has left in her Chois the Character  
of an honest, upright, & enamoured Virgin Heart.  
She was the whole Time of her Sicknes very  
agreeable to all about her, & behaved with becoming  
Patience. she with Childlikeness continued to  
deport her self, with a Heart truly Thankful  
for all the Care & Nursing which was bestowed upon  
her in the Sick-Room.

Her Behaviour evidenced a particular Regard of  
the Person of her dearest Bridegrooms. At the En-  
joyment of her dear Lords Corpse & Blood, (of which  
she was in her sick-Bed 5 Times a Partaker) her  
Heart was sinewily Thankful; This render'd her  
Home-Sickness bearable, until she was favoured  
with the Kiss of His pale Lips.

May the 5<sup>th</sup> 1761