

My Heart is Always Wandering



English:

1. My heart is always wandering where Jesus
once was born
There I collect my thoughts into a total sum
There my longing finds a home, and my belief a
treasure
I can never forget you blessed Christmas night
2. Oh, I want to open up my heart and my soul
And full of longing sigh, come Jesus here within
This is no foreign housing, you bought it though
yourself
Then I will likely stay, swaddled in my heart
3. I'll gladly spread palm branches around your
crib
For you, for you alone I will live and I will die
Come let my soul find you its true blissful
moment
That you were born here deep in my heart's
abyss.

Norwegian:

1. Mitt hjerte alltid vanker i Jesu fødte rom
Der samles mine tanker som i sin hovedsum
Der er min lengsel hjemme, der har min tro sin
skatt
Jeg kan deg aldri glemme velsignet julenatt
2. Akk, kom jeg opp vil lukke mitt hjerte og mitt
sinn
Og full av lengsel sukke, kom Jesus dog her inn
Det er ei fremmed bolig, du har jo selv den
kjøpt
Så skal jeg blive trolig, her i mitt hjerte svøpt
3. Jeg gjerne palmegrene vil om din krybbe strø
For deg, for deg alene jeg leve vil og dø
Kom la min sjel deg finne sin rette gledesstund
At du ble født her inne i hjertets dype grunn

"Mitt hjerte alltid vanker" ("My Heart Always Wanders") is an old Scandinavian Christmas song. The original Danish lyrics for "Mit hjerte altid vanker" (Danish title) were written by bishop and hymn writer Hans Adolph Brorson. These were later set to a melody composed by Carl Nielsen. It first came out in print in 1731.

There is a beautiful recording by Øystein Sevåg and Maria C. Meyer on the Windham Hill collection **A Winter's Solstice V**, titled "My Heart is Always Moving".

I arranged this for bell choir in 2008.