

COME DOWN,
O LOVE
DIVINE

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Come Down, O Love Divine

SAB and Organ

*Down Ampney

BIANCO DA SIENA, d. 1434

R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, 1872—1958

Tr. RICHARD F. LITLEDALE, 1833—90

Setting by DONALD BUSAROW

Organ

mf

(♩ = 60)

Unison

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek Thou this soul_ of mine, And

vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor_ glow - ing; O Com - fort - er, draw near,

With - in my heart ap - pear, And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.

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S
A

2 O let it free - ly

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burn Till earth-ly pas - sions turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con -

burn Till earth - ly pas - sions turn to dust, and in its heat con -

sum - ing; And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my

sum - ing; And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my

sight, And clothe me round the while my path il - lum - ing. —

sight, And clothe me round the while my path il - lum - ing. —

(Preferably unaccompanied)

3 Let ho-ly char - i - ty Mine out-ward ves - ture be, And

3 Let ho-ly char - i - ty — Mine out-ward ves - ture be, And

3 Let char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be, And

low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner - cloth - ing; True low - li - ness of

low - li - ness my cloth - ing; True low - li - ness — of —

low - li - ness my — cloth - ing; Low - li - ness of

heart Which takes the hum - bler part And o'er its own short-

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heart Which takes the hum - bler part And o'er its

com - ings weeps with loath - ing.

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own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.

Soprano descant

4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul - will

Unison

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long, Shall far out - pass the tell - ing;

long, Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man_ tell - ing; For none can

For none can guess its grace, Till he be - come the place Where -

guess its grace, Till he be - come the place Where -

in the Spir - it makes His dwell - ing. _____

in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His_ dwell - ing. _____