

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

350 Come down, O Love divine

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with D A D A G D. The second staff begins with D G A G D Em D G Em⁷. The third staff begins with Bm F#m G D E A C G D Em D A. The fourth staff begins with D G A G D Em⁷ A⁷ D.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dour glow - ing.
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
for none can guess its grace, till he be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, c. 15th cent.; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1867
Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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