

Eternal Breath

*For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)*

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and common time (C). The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

1. When death shall come, and come it will,
2. Our dai-ly lives are e-ver-changed;
3. While we are sad to say good-bye
4. If one* who is de-part-ed now

Those left will sure-ly grieve.
We miss the one who's gone;
And sor-row-ful Christ at death,
Was serv-ing our King,

The part-ing, if a-brupt or still,
Our dai-ly walks seem dim-ly strange,
God's peace, tran-scend-ing will ev-ry cry,
We know that one* will be en-dowed

Is sad for the be-the-reaved.
Like night be-fore the dawn.
Be-stows joys that heav-nal breath.
With joys that heav-nal en-brings.

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*Note: If singing with a particular person in mind, can substitute *he* or *she* as appropriate.