

# Come down, O Love divine

Words: Bianco da Sena (d. 1434?);  
tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1958), alt.

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1  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,  
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3 Let ho - ly cha - ri - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,  
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 cha - ri - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long

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

and \_\_\_ let thy glo - rious light shine \_\_\_ ev - er on \_\_\_ my sight,  
 for \_\_\_ none can guess \_\_\_ its grace, till \_\_\_ Love cre - ate \_\_\_ a place

true \_\_\_ low - li - ness \_\_\_ of heart, which \_\_\_ takes the hum - ble part,  
 for \_\_\_ none can guess \_\_\_ its grace, till \_\_\_ Love cre - ate \_\_\_ a place

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 - ble part,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and \_\_\_ clothe me \_\_\_ round, the \_\_\_ while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_ Ho - ly \_\_\_ Spi - rit makes a \_\_\_ dwell - ing.

and \_\_\_ o'er its \_\_\_ own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 where \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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 Spi - rit makes a \_\_\_ dwell - ing.