

Original descant composed for the Ordination of Vern Barber (1936-2016) on
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Breathe on me, Breath of God

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

Music: NOVA VITA (S.M.), 1914
by Lister R. Peace (1885-1969), *alt.*
Descants by Charles H. Giffen (b. 1940),
original 2009, revised & expanded 2023

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Descant
Verse 2
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,

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Verse 3
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,

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Verse 4
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

un - til with thee I will one will, to do_ or to_ en - dure.

till_ all this earth - ly part of me glows with_ the fire_ di - vine.

but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.