

Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney (66 11. D)

Bianco da Sena (d. 1434?)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1958), alt.

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1 Descant

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,

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;

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___ 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.

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