

Come Down, O Love Divine

Bianco da Siena c. 1350-1434
Trans. Richard Frederick Littledale 1833-1890

DOWN AMPNEY
Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

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,

1. And vi - sit it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
2. To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
3. And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing;
4. Shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

1. O Com - for - ter, draw near, With - in my heart
2. And let thy glo - rious light Shine e - ver on
3. True low - li - ness of heart Which takes the humb -
4. For none can guess its grace, Till he be - come

ap - pear, And kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
my sight, And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
ler part, And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
the place Where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes his dwell - ing.