

O for a closer walk with God
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Caithness: Melody from Scottish Psalter 1635

Text: William Cowper 1731-1800
Genesis 5:24 'Enoch walked with God'

1 *Expressively to the words*

mf O for a clos-er walk with God, a calm and

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mf

6

heav'n-ly frame; a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the

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11

Lamb. *mp* What peace-ful hours I once en - joy'd, how sweet the mem - 'ry

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16

still! *mf* but they have left an ach-ing void — the world can nev-er fill.

mf but they have left, they have left an ach-ing void — the world can nev-er fill.

21

Softly

Ah, — ah, —

Firmly mf

Re - turn, O Ho - ly Dove, re turn, sweet mes-sen - ger of rest:

27 *mf* The

mp

I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

p

32

dear-est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be, *f* help me to

pp Ah _____ *mf* what - e'er that i - dol be, *f* help me to

37

tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee. *f* So

tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee. So

f

42

shall my walk be close with God, *mf* calm and serene my frame; *cresc.* so pur-er

shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so pur-er

mf *cresc.*

47

f *Gradually slower*

light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb, *mf*
Lamb, the Lamb

light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb, *mf*

f *Gradually slower* *rit.* *mf*

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