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O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
Two-part Choir, Piano, Guitar,
Assembly (includes Hymn Version)

Angela Birkhead-Flight

*Where Two
or Three
Are Gathered*



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INTRO *Gently* (♩ = ca. 70)

Soprano/Alto *mp*

Piano *mp*

1. O —

VERSE 1

1. Love that will not let me go, I rest my wear-y soul in

1. thee. I give thee back the life I owe, that

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1. in thine o - cean depths — its — flow may rich - er, full - er be.

Ab Eb Fm Fm/C Bb Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb Fm7

VERSE 2

2. O Light that

Tenor/Bass

2. O — Light that fol - l'west all my way, —

Ebmaj7/G Ab Eb Eb/D

2. fol - l'west all my way, I yield my flick - 'ring torch to

2. — I yield my flick - 'ring torch to thee. My —

Ab/C Ab Bb7

2. thee. My heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, in thy

2. heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that in thy sun-shine's

E_b *E_b/D* *A_b*

2. blaze — its — day may bright - er, fair - er be.

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F_m *B_b* *E_b* *F_m7*

VERSE 3

mf 3. O — Joy that seek - est me through pain, I

mf *E_bmaj7/G* *A_b* *E_b* *C_m* *G_m*

3. can - not close my heart to thee. I — trace the rain-bow through the

A \flat Fm A \flat B \flat E \flat Cm

3. rain, and feel the prom-ise is — not — vain, that morn shall tear-less

Gm A \flat Fm B \flat B \flat 7

dim.

BRIDGE

3. be. O — Love — Di - vine! O — Love — Di - vine! O — Love — Di -

mp *cresc. poco a poco*

E \flat E \flat Fm

mp *cresc. poco a poco*

O Joy that seek - est me! O Light of the vine!
O Joy of my heart!

Bb7 Eb Cm

World, I shall fol - low thee. 4. O Light of the world! Fol-low thee,

poco rit. *f*

poco rit. *f*

Db Bb C

VERSE 4: Unison Choir *Broadly*

4. Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to fly from

F Dm F/C C/Bb Am7 F/A C F/C Bb Gm

4. thee. I lay in dust, life's glo - ry dead,

C F Dm Am Bbsus2 C

8vb-1

molto rit.

S/A

4. and from the ground there blos - soms red, life that shall end - less

T/B (Melody)

molto rit.

F/C Bb Gm Gm/D C

molto rit. *dim.*

a tempo

4. be.

a tempo

F Gm7 Fmaj7/A Bb F

a tempo *dim.* *rit.*

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Capo 3: (C) Eb (Dm7) Fm7 (Cmaj7/E) Ebmaj7/G (F) Ab

(Pno)

VERSE 1

mp

(C) Eb (Am) Cm (Am/G)(G/F) Cm/Bb (G/F) Bb/Ab (Em7) Gm7 (C/E) Eb/G (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (F) Ab

1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my

(Dm) Fm (G) Bb (C) Eb (Am) Cm (Em7) Gm7 (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb

1. wear-y soul in thee. I give thee back the life I owe, that

(F) Ab (C) Eb (Dm) Fm (Dm/A) Fm/C (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (G7) Bb7 (C) Eb (Dm7) Fm7 (Cmaj7/E) Ebmaj7/G (F) Ab

1. in thine o-cean depths its flow may rich-er, full-er be.

VERSE 2

(C) Eb (C/B) Eb/D (F/A) Ab/C

2. O Light that fol-l'west all my way, I yield my flick-'ring torch to

(F) Ab (G7) Bb7 (C) Eb (C/B) Eb/D (F) Ab

2. thee. My heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that in thy sun-shine's

(Dm) Fm (G) Bb (C) Eb (Dm7) Fm7 (Cmaj7/E) Ebmaj7/G (F) Ab

2. blaze its day may bright-er, fair-er be.

VERSE 3

mf

(C) (Am) (Em) (F) (Dm)
Eb Cm Gm Ab Fm

3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my heart to

(F) (G) (C) (Am) (Em) (F)
Ab Bb Eb Cm Gm Ab

3. thee. I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and feel the prom - ise

BRIDGE

(Dm) (G) (G7) (C)
Fm Bb Bb7 Eb

mp

3. is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be. O Love Di -

(Dm) (G7) (C) (Am)
Fm Bb7 Eb Cm

cresc. poco a poco

vine! O Joy that seek - est me! O Light of the

VERSE 4 *Broadly*

(Bb) (G) (A) (D) (Bm) (D/A)(A/G)
Db Bb C F Dm F/C C/Bb

, poco rit. , f

World, I shall fol - low thee. 4. O Cross that lift - est up my

(F#m7)(D/F#) (A) (D/A) (G) (Em) (A) (D)
Am7 F/A C F/C Bb Gm C F

4. head, I dare not ask to fly from thee. I lay in

(Bm) (F#m) (Gsus2)(A) (D/A) (G) (Em) (Em/B) (A)
Dm Am Bbsus2 C F/C Bb Gm Gm/D C

dim. molto rit.

4. dust, life's glo - ry dead, and from the ground there blos - soms red, life

NC (D) (Em7) (Dmaj7/F#) (G) (D)
F Gm7 Fmaj7/A Bb F

a tempo dim. rit.

4. that shall end - less be.

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Capo 3: (C) Eb (Am) Cm (Am/G) Cm/B♭ (G/F) B♭/A♭ (Em7) Gm7 (C/E) Eb/G (G) B♭ (C/G) Eb/B♭

1. O Love that will not let me go, I
 2. O Light that fol - l'west all my way, I
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

Keyboard

(F) Ab (Dm) Fm (G) B♭ (C) Eb

1. rest my wear - y soul in thee. I give thee
 2. yield my flick - ring torch to thee. My heart re -
 3. can - not close my heart to thee. I trace the
 4. dare not ask to fly from thee. I lay in

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(Am) Cm (Em7) Gm7 (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (F) Ab (C) Eb

1. back the life I owe, _____ that in thine o - cean
 2. stores its bor - rowed ray, _____ that in thy sun - shine's
 3. rain - bow through the rain, _____ and feel the prom - ise
 4. dust, life's glo - ry dead, _____ and from the ground there


(Dm) Fm (Dm/A) Fm/C (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (G7) Bb7 (C) Eb

1. depths _____ its _____ flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 2. blaze _____ its _____ day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 3. is _____ not _____ vain, that morn shall tear - less be.
 4. blos - soms _____ red, life that shall end - less be.


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