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# Come down, O Love divine

*An anthem for Pentecost, written for the LFCCM 2016. This is a reworking of the Hymn tune 'Down Ampney' by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The anthem culminates in a repetition of the first verse with the original tune, with which the congregation is invited to join in. The harmonisation and descant for this verse was written for my wedding, and I am grateful to John Eady and Paul Plummer, from whom I borrowed a few ideas.*

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Bianco of Siena, tr Richard F. Littledale

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*♩=90*

*mp*

Soprano  
Come down, O Love di-vine,      Come down, O Love di-vine,

*mp*

Soprano  
Come down, O Love di-vine,      Come down, O Love di-vine,

*mp*

Alto  
Come down, O Love di-vine,

Tenor

Bass

*♩=90*  
strings

*pp*

Organ

Pedals

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Seek thou this soul of mine,      And vi-sit it with thine own ar-dour glow-

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*p sotto voce*

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- - dle it  
 it, thy ho-ly flame be - stow - - ing.  
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+ 8' and 16' reeds  
 Gt (+ full sw coupled)



*mf*  
 O let it free-ly burn,  
*mf*  
 O let it free-ly burn,  
*mf*  
 O let it free-ly burn,  
*mf*  
 O let it free-ly burn,  
*mf*  
 O let it free-ly burn,  
*f* Sw.

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Till earth - ly pas - sions turn To dust and

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ash - es in its heat con - su - ming; And let thy glo - rious light

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*f* Shine e - ver on my sight, And

*f* Shine e - ver on Shine my sight, And

*f* Shine e - ver on Shine my sight, And

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*f* Shine e - ver on my sight, And



clothe me round, the while my path il -

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ness of heart, Which takes the hum-bler part, And o'er its own short-com-ings weeps with

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Oboe

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loath - ing. And so the

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loath - ing.

loath - ing.

loath - ing.

sw diap

p



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year - ning strong, with which the soul\_ will long, Shall far out-pass the

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*mp warm* The\_ year - ning\_ strong with which the soul will\_ long\_ shall

*mp warm* The year - ning strong shall far out - pass the

*mp warm* And so the year - ning strong, with which the soul\_ will\_ long, Shall\_



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power of hu - man\_ tel - ling. For none can guess His

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far out - pass hum - an tel - - ling; For none can

power, the power of hu - man tel - - ling; For none can

far out - pass the power of hu - man tel - - ling;

Gt. *mf*

*mf*

grace, till He be-comes the place, Where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes His dwel - ling.

grace, till He be-comes the place, Where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes His dwel - ling.

guess His grace, can guess His grace The Spi - rit makes His dwel - ling.

guess His grace, till He be - comes the place, where-in the Spi - rit makes His dwel - ling.

Till he be-comes the place, Where - in the Ho-ly Spi - rit makes His dwel - ling.

+ Gt./Ped

*f* *ff*



rit. . . . . **Maestoso**  
+ Congregation

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rit. . . . . **Maestoso**

*ff* *fff*

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with thine ar - - - dour glow - ing O Ah

vis - it it with thine own ar- dour glow - ing O com- for - ter draw near

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and kin - dle it thy flame be - stow - ing

wi - thin my heart ap - pear and kin- dle it thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing

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