

Commissioned by the Hopkins family for their parents, Alun and Olga,
to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, 16 August 2012

A Prayer of St Columba

attrib. St Columba (adap.)
from *Carmina Gadelica* (1900)

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Expressive, with movement ♩ = c.108
SOPRANOS & ALTOS unis. *mp dolce* *poco*

SOPRANO
ALTO

(Sw. Fl. 8', 2')

Be— thou a bright flame be -

ORGAN
or
PIANO

p sempre dolce
(Gt.)

(Organ: Man.)
(Piano: *sempre con Ped.*)

5 *poco unis. mp*

S. ————
A. ————

-fore us, Be thou a guid - ing star a -

mp
(Ped.)

9 *mf*

S. ————
A. ————

-bove us, Be thou a smooth path be -

MEN *mf* *

mf

*If one note is small, then the larger should be sung by some or all voices, but the smaller is an optional alternative for those singers for whom the larger note is out of range.

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-low us, And be a kind - ly shep-herd be -

17

- hind us, To - day, to - night, and for

21

ev - er.

(Gt.)

And

mp dolce

Drive from us all temp - ta - tion and dan - ger,

mf

mp

dan - ger,

poco

Sur - round us on the sea of un - right - eous -

mp

mp

mf

sea of un - right - eous - ness,

mf

And in the

-ness,

mf

(Sw.)

mf

37

nar - rows, crooks, and straits Keep thou our

41

co - ra - cle, keep it al - - ways, To -

mp

45

- day, to - night, and for ev - - er.

mp

(Gt.)