

O Love

For SATB Choir and Piano

George Matheson (1842-1906)

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Espressivo ♩ = ca. 76-80

Musical score for piano introduction, measures 1-3. The score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The tempo is marked *Espressivo* with a quarter note equal to approximately 76-80 beats per minute. The piano part begins with a *p* (piano) dynamic. The left hand (l.h.) has two entries, each marked *l.h.*. Measure numbers 1 and 2 are indicated below the bass staff.

Continuation of the piano introduction, measures 4-7. The score includes markings for *rubato* and *rit.* (ritardando). Measure numbers 4, 5, 6, and 7 are indicated below the bass staff.

Musical score for SATB choir, measures 8-11. The vocal parts are in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "O Love, O Love, O Love, that". The score includes markings for *SA unis.* and *p* (piano). Measure numbers 8, 9, 10, and 11 are indicated below the bass staff.

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will not let me go, O Love,

12 13 14

S.
rest my wea - ry soul in Thee; give thee back the

A.
rest my wea ry soul in Thee; I give thee back the

15 16 17

life I owe, That in thy o - cean depths its flow may

life I owe, That in thy o - cean depths its flow may

18 19 20

rich - er, ful - ler be.

rich - er, ful - ler be.

21 22 23 24

mp

This block contains the first system of the musical score, spanning measures 21 to 24. It features two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are "rich - er, ful - ler be." The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line and a treble line with chords and moving lines. A dynamic marking of *mp* is present.

S Joy, that

A Joy, O Joy, Joy, that

T O Joy, O Joy, that

B O Joy, that

25 26 27

mp

This block contains the second system of the musical score, spanning measures 25 to 27. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "Joy, that" for Soprano and Alto, "Joy, O Joy, that" for Tenor, and "O Joy, that" for Bass. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar pattern of eighth notes in the bass and chords in the treble. A dynamic marking of *mp* is present.

seeks me through the pain, O Joy, I

seeks me through the pain, O I

seeks me through the pain, O Joy, I

seeks me through the pain, O Joy, I

28 29 30

can - not close my heart, to thee; I trace the rain - bow

can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow

can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow

can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow

31 32 33

l.h.

through the rain, and feel the pro - mise is not vain That

through the rain, and feel the pro - mise is not vain That

through the rain, and feel the pro - mise is not vain

through the rain, and feel the pro - mise is not vain

Lh.

34 35 36

morn shall tear - less be that

morn shall tear - less be that

That morn shall tear - less

That morn shall tear - less

37 38 39

mom shall tear - less be.

mom shall tear - less be.

be.

be.

mp

rit.

40 41 42

mf a tempo

Love, O Love, Love, that

mf a tempo

Love, Love, O Love, Love, that

mf a tempo

Love, Love, O Love, Love, that

unis. mf a tempo

Love, O Love, O Love, Love, that

f a tempo

43 44 45

unis. will not let me go, *go,* *subito p* Love, I

will not let me go, *O* Love, *I*

will not let me go, *O* Love, *I*

will not let me go, *O* Love, *I*

46 47 48

rit. rest my wea - ry soul in thee; *unis.* I give thee back the *a tempo*

rit. rest my wea - ry soul in thee; *a tempo* I give thee back the

rit. rest my wea - ry soul in thee; *a tempo*

rit. rest my wea - ry soul in thee; *a tempo*

49 50 51 *l.h.*

life I owe, *mp*

life I owe, *mp*

I give thee back the life I owe,

I give thee back the life I owe,

l.h.

52 53 54

give thee back the life I owe and in thy o - cean *rit.*

give thee back the life I owe and in thy o - cean *rit.*

give thee back the life I owe and in thy o - cean *rit.*

give thee back the life I owe and in thy o - cean *rit.*

l.h. *l.h.*

rit. *f*

55 56 57

♩ = 60

♩ = 78

f depths its flow *p* that

f depths its flow shall rich - er, ful - ler be. *mp*

f depths its flow

f depths its flow

depths its flow

♩ = 60 *8va* *cres.* *p* *dim.* *f* *mp* *f* *mp* *f*

58 59 60 61

morn shall tear - less be.

p O Love, O

p O Love, O

62 63 64 65

Musical score for measures 66-68. It features a vocal line with lyrics "Love, O Love," and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. A dynamic marking of *mp* is present at the top right. The piano part includes measures 66, 67, and 68.

Musical score for measures 69-71. It features a vocal line with lyrics "Love, O Love, that" and "Love, O Love," and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano part includes measures 69, 70, and 71.



p *rit.* 7 48769 02097 5

will not let me go.

p *rit.*

O Love, that

p *rit.*

O Love, that

p *rit.*

72 73 74

rit.

rit.

rit.

will not let me go.

rit.

will not let me go.

rit. *pp*

75 76 77 78 *8vb*