

O Perfect Love

Dorothy Frances Gurney, 1883

Joseph Barnby, 1890

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "O per - fect love, all hu - man thought tran - scend - ing, Low - ly we kneel in prayer be - fore Thy throne, That theirs may be the love which knows no end - ing Whom Thou for - ev - er - more dost join in one." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in the left hand, with some rests in the right hand.

2. O perfect life, be Thou their full assurance,
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,
Of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance,
With childlike trust that fears not pain or death.

3. Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife,
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow
That dawns upon eternal love and life.