

If ye love me

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The musical score consists of four staves, each representing a vocal part: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The music is in common time and uses a basso continuo staff at the bottom. The vocal parts sing in four-part harmony, with the basso continuo providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes, corresponding to the vocal parts. The score is divided into three systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 5, 9) in a box.

System 1:

S If ye love me, keep my commandments
C If ye love me, keep my commandments
T If ye love me, keep my commandments,
B If ye love me, keep my commandments,

System 5:

and I will pray the fa - ther.
- - -
and I shall pray the fa -
- - and I will pray the

System 9:

and he will give you an - oth - er com - for - ter.
- - - ther, and he shall give you an - oth - er com - for - ter.
and he shall give you an - oth - er com - for - ter. That
fa - ther, and he shall give you an - oth - er com - for - ter

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That he _____ may bide with you for - ev - er with
he may bide with you for - ev - er, that he may bide with you
That he _____ may bide with you for - ev - er, may bide with

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you for - ev - er. e'en the spirit of truth,
you for - ev - er. E'en the spirit of truth, e'en the spirit of
you for - ev - er. E'en the spirit of truth spirit of truth, e'en
you for - ev - er. E'en the spirit of truth, spirit of truth, e'en

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e'en the spirit of truth, e'en the spirit of truth. truth,
truth, e'en the spirit of truth, e'en the spirit of truth.
- the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, that
e'en the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth.

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That he may bide with
That he may bide with you for - ev - er, with
he may bide with you for - ev - er, may bide with you for - ev -
That he _____ may bide with you for - ev - er, may bide with

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you for - ev - er e'en the spirit of truth,
you for - ev - er, e'en the spirit of truth, e'en the spirit of
you for - ev - er, e'en the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, e'en
you for - ev - er e'en the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth

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e'en the spirit of truth, e'en the spirit of truth.
truth, e'en the spirit of truth, e'en the spirit of truth.
the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth.
e'en the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth.