

For Patricia Bowen, from the Chancel Choir
with gratitude and in celebration of thirty years of ministry
as Principal Organist at Trinity Lutheran Church, Midland, Michigan

The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

SATB and Organ

George Herbert

Gerald Near

Fairly slow ♩ = 52

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

Organ

Sw. } *mp*

Ped.

unis. *mp*

Come,

5

— my Way, my Truth, — my Life: Such — a Way — as

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1633, from *The Temple*, 1633 (PD).

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9 *poco rall.* *a tempo mp cresc.*

gives us breath; _____ Such a Truth as

poco rall. *mp cresc.*
a tempo a tempo

13 *mf*

ends all _____ strife; Such a Life as kill - eth

mf

17

death.

cresc. *mf*

21

mf *div.* *f*

Come, — my Light, my Feast, — my Strength: — Such —

mf *div.* *f*

25

poco rit. *a tempo*

— a Light, — as shows a feast: —

a tempo
mp

poco rit. *a tempo*

poco rit. *a tempo*

mp

29

mp *cresc.*

Such a Feast, as mends in length; Such a
Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as

cresc.

This musical system contains measures 29 through 32. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The piano part includes a *cresc.* marking. A large watermark 'Copyright is illegal copy only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

33

f

Strength, as makes his guest.
makes his guest.

f

This musical system contains measures 33 through 36. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature changes to two flats (Bb, Eb) and the time signature remains 2/4. The piano part includes a *f* marking. A large watermark 'Copyright is illegal copy only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

[37]

mf *cresc.*

Come, — my Joy, my

mf *cresc.*

mf *cresc.*

Gt. }

41

Love, — my Heart: Such — a Joy, — as —

f

f

44

poco rit. *unis. mp* *a tempo*

none can move: _____ Such a Love, as

poco rit. *unis. mp* *a tempo*

poco rit. *a tempo*

mp Sw. } p

48

none can part: _____ Such a

p

p

52 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Heart, as joyes in love.

poco rit. *a tempo*

poco rit. *a tempo*

56 *rit.*

rit.

pp