

William Cowper, 1779
(Book 3, Hymn 45)
86. 86. (C. M.)

Retirement E minor
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1. Far from the world, O Lord, I flee; From strife and tumult far;

2. The calm re-treat, the silent shade, With prayer and praise agree;

3. There if the Spirit touch the soul, And grace her mean abode;

4. Author and guard - ian of my life, Sweet source of light divine;

5. What thanks I owe Thee, and what love, A bound-less, end-less store;

The musical score consists of four staves: Treble, Counter, Tenor, and Bass. The key signature is one sharp (E major). The time signature is common time (indicated by 'C'). The vocal parts sing in unison. The lyrics are provided below each corresponding musical line.

From scenes where Satan wa-ges still His most suc-cess-ful war.

And seem by Thy sweet boun-ty made For those who fol-lowThee,

O with what peace and joy and love She com-munes with her God.

And (all har-mon - ious names in one) My Sav-ior Thou art mine!
Shall ec-ho through the realms a-bove When time shall be no more.

The musical score continues with four staves: Treble (Tr.), Counter (C.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.). The key signature changes to two sharps (F major). The time signature remains common time. The lyrics are provided below each corresponding musical line.