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Gently, Lord, O gently lead us

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The musical score is written for piano in G major and common time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system begins with the tempo marking '87. 87 smoothly' and the dynamic marking 'mf'. The second system includes the dynamic markings 'cresc.' and 'p'. The score features a variety of chordal textures and melodic lines, including a triplet in the first system and a fermata in the second system.

1 Gently, Lord, O gently lead us
Pilgrims in this vale of tears,
Thro' the changes yet decreed us,
Till our last great change appears.
When temptation's darts assail us,
When in devious paths we stray,
Let Thy goodness never fail us,
Lead us in Thy perfect way.

2 In the hour of pain and anguish,
In the hour when death draws near,
Suffer not our hearts to languish,
Suffer not our souls to fear.
And, when mortal life is ended,
Bid us in Thy bosom rest,
Till, by angel-bands attended,
We awake among the blest.