

Father, Cheer Our Souls Tonight

Peacefully ♩ = 60-70

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system contains two verses of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes. The accompaniment is a simple harmonic line in the bass. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'ALWAYS ON COPY' is overlaid across the center of the page.

1. Fa - ther, cheer our souls to - night; Lift our bur - dens, make them light.
2. Calm the surg - es of the soul; Bid the dark waves back - ward roll.
3. Bless our loved ones far a - way; Grant them health and peace, we pray.
4. Let im - plic - it faith and trust Help us know thy ways are just.

Let thine all - per - vad - ing love Shine up - on us from a - bove.
Let us all thy mer - cies feel Thru the pow'r thou dost re - veal.
In their hearts let ho - ly light Beam to guide their steps a - right.
May thine ev - er - ten - der love Lead our hearts to thee a - bove.

Text: Ellis Reynolds Shipp, 1847-1939

Music: 13th century French melody, arr. "The Parish Choir," 1850

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