

# How Gentle God's Commands

*Gently* ♩ = 64-80

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/2 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Gently' with a note value of 64-80. The score consists of two systems. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the song. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the second system.

1. How gen - tle God's com - mands! How kind his pre - cepts are!  
2. Be - neath his watch - ful eye, His Saints se - cure - ly dwell;  
3. Why should this anx - ious load Press down your wea - ry mind?  
4. His good - ness stands ap - proved, Un - changed from day to day;

Come, cast your bu - rdens on the Lord And trust his con - stant care.  
That hand which bears all na - ture up Shall guard his chil - dren well.  
Haste to your Heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne And sweet re - fresh - ment find.  
I'll drop my bur - den at his feet And bear a song a way.

*Text:* Philip Doldridge, 1702-1781  
*Music:* Jonathan C. Woodman, 1844

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