

May Love Be Ours

Timothy Dudley-Smith

HEAVEN'S ANGELS, 87 87 with refrain
Stephen Dean

INTRO (♩ = ca. 76)

Chords: Eb7, Ab, Fm6, Cm, Fm7, Bb7, Eb

Keyboard

VERSES
Descant

4. This world is fad - ing, — Faith, hope, will play their part.

Soprano

1. Not for tongues of heav - en's an - gels, Not for wis - dom to dis - cern, —
 2. Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, Love is ten - der, true and kind; —
 3. Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice in wrong; —
 4. In the day this world is fad - ing, Faith and hope will play their part: —

Tenor
Bass

Chords: Eb, Bb, Ab, Fm7, Bbsus4, Bb, Eb/G, Ab, Cm, Fm7, Bbsus4, Bb

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4. But when Christ is seen in glo - ry, Love reign in ev - 'ry heart.

1. Not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, For this bet - ter gift we yearn:
 2. Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er - ous of heart and mind.
 3. Nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, Love be - lieves and suf - fers long.
 4. But when Christ is seen in glo - ry, Love shall reign in ev - 'ry heart.

C7 Fsus4 Cm G Csus4 Cm Cm7 Bb Cm7 F7 Bb

REFRAIN

May love be ours, O Lord; may love be ours. *D.S. (Fine)*

May love be ours, O Lord; — may love be ours. *D.S. (Fine)*

Eb7 Ab Fm6 Cm Fm7 Bb7 Eb *D.S. (Fine)*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Capo 1: (D7)
Eb7

(G) (Em6) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
Ab Fm6 Cm Fm7 Bb7 Eb

(Keyboard)

VERSES

Descant

4. This world is fad - ing, — Faith, hope, will play their part.

Melody (D) (A) (G) (Em7) (Asus4) (A) (D/F#) (G) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus4) (A)
Eb Bb Ab Fm7 Bbsus4 Bb Eb/G Ab Cm Fm7 Bbsus4 Bb

1. Not for tongues of heav - en's an - gels, Not for wis - dom to dis - cern, —
2. Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, Love is ten - der, true and kind; —
3. Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice in wrong; —
4. In the day this world is fad - ing, Faith and hope will play their part: —

4. But when Christ is seen in glo - ry, Love reign in ev - 'ry heart.

(B7) (Esus4) (Bm) (F#) (Bsus4) (Bm) (Bm7) (A) (Bm7) (E7) (A)
C7 F sus4 Cm G C sus4 Cm Cm7 Bb Cm7 F7 Bb

1. Not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, For this bet - ter gift we yearn:
2. Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er - ous of heart and mind.
3. Nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, Love be - lieves and suf - fers long.
4. But when Christ is seen in glo - ry, Love shall reign in ev - 'ry heart.

REFRAIN

May love be ours, O Lord; may love be ours. *D.S. (Fine)*

(D7) (G) (Em6) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
Eb7 Ab Fm6 Cm Fm7 Bb7 Eb

May love be ours, O Lord; may love — be ours. *D.S. (Fine)*

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Composer Notes

This 1984 text by an outstanding hymnwriter, Timothy Dudley-Smith, is a contemporary version of St. Paul's eulogy of love in 1 Corinthians 13. Putting "love" prominently makes sure it gives it undoubted primacy over the "faith" and "hope" which usually begin this quotation (as in another piece in this collection). By shining a new light on the text, it refreshes it for all of us. The music should be sung smoothly and with attention to the words; consciously avoid stressing "may" in the last line, although it is the highest note and falls on the strong beat.

—*Stephen Dean*

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SOLO INSTRUMENT

INTRO (♩ = ca. 76) **4** **VERSE** 1-4

REFRAIN *D.S. (Fine)*

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CLARINET in B \flat

INTRO ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 76$) **4** **VERSE** 1-4


The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It is divided into three sections: an Intro, Verses 1-4, and a Refrain. The Intro consists of a whole rest followed by a 4-measure rest. Verses 1-4 are marked with a repeat sign and consist of a melodic line with slurs. The Refrain is marked with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.S. (Fine)'. The piece concludes with a final whole note.

Assembly Edition


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HEAVEN'S ANGELS

Verses




1. Not for tongues of heav-en's an - gels, Not for wis-dom to
2. Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, Love is ten - der, true
3. Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice
4. In the day this world is fad - ing, Faith and hope will play



1. dis - cern, Not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, For this bet - ter
2. and kind; Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er - ous of
3. in wrong; Nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, Love be - lieves and
4. their part: But when Christ is seen in glo - ry, Love shall reign in

Refrain



1. gift we yearn: May love be ours, O Lord; may love be ours.
2. heart and mind.
3. suf - fers long.
4. ev - 'ry heart.

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