

Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

Audite Audientes Me. C.M.D.

JAMES MONTGOMERY, 1819; the rhythm of line 2 is revised; with a verse from COLERIDGE'S "The Ancient Mariner," used as a refrain

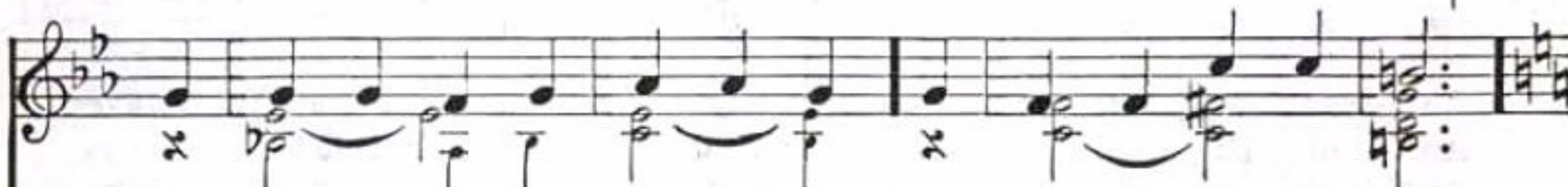
ARTHUR SULLIVAN, 1875

Voices in unison



1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, Un - ut - tered or ex - pressed;
 2. Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh, The fall - ing of a tear,
 3. Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech That in - fant lips can try;
 4. Prayer is the Christian's vi - tal breath, The Chris - tian's na - tive air,

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The mo - tion of a hid - den fire That trem - bles in the breast.
 The up - ward glancing of an eye When none but God is near.
 Prayer the sub - lim - est strains that reach The Ma - jes - ty on high.
 His watch - word at the gates of death; He en - ters heaven with prayer.



Voices in harmony



He pray - eth best who lov - eth best All things both great and small;
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 O Thou, by whom we come to God, The life, the truth, the way,



For the dear God who lov - eth us, He made and lov - eth all.
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 For the dear God who lov - eth us, He made and lov - eth all.
 The path of prayer Thy - self hast trod; Lord, teach us how to pray.

