

Decide This Doubt for Me

Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal #281

words: William Cowper, 1779.
music: Clint Wells, 2005.

The musical score consists of eight staves of music for a single melody line. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature varies between common time and 2/4 time. The vocal line includes several melodic phrases with sustained notes and grace notes. Chords are indicated above the staff at various points, such as G, D/F#, Emin, D, G, D/F#, Emin, D, G/B, C, G, D, D, G/B, C, G, D, G, D/F#, Emin, G, D, D, G, D/F#, Emin, and D. The lyrics are as follows:

The Lord will hap - pi - ness div - ine,
On cont - rite hearts,
be - stow;
Then tell me gra - cious God is mine,
A cont - rite heart,
or no?
I hear but seem to hear in vain;
In - sen - si - ble as
steel,
In - sen - si - ble as steel;
If aught is felt, 'tis on - ly pain,
To find I can - not feel.
To find I cann - ot feel.
some - times think my - self in - clinied,
To love thee O,
if I could;
But oft - en find a - noth - er mind,
A - verse to all,
all that is good.

25 D D G/B C
 My best de - sires are faint and few; I fain would strive for

28 G D D G/B C
 more, I fain would strive for more; But when I cry, "My strength re - new,"

31 G D G
 Seems weak-er than be - fore. Seems weak-er than be - fore. Thy saints are com-fort-ed I know,

35 D/F# Emin D
 And love Thy house, Thy house of prayer; I

38 G D/F# Emin D
 some - times go where oth - ers go, But find no com - fort there. O,

42 D G/B C G
 make this heart re-joice or ache, De - cide this doubt for me. De-cide this doubt for

45 D D G/B C
 me. And if it be not brok - en, break, And heal it if it

48 G D
 be. O, heal it if it be.