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for the wedding of Catherine E Patterson and David J. Wood

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Two-part choir (mixed, treble, or male chorus), keyboard

Joy F. Patterson, based on I Corinthians 13

arr. Thomas Pavlechko, based on the English hymn tune O WALY, WALY

*Moderately* I. *mp*

Three pre-cious gifts the Spir-it

gives: a change-less faith no power can— move; a - bid - ing—

hope— through ev - ery— trial; great - est of all, un - fail - ing—

*rall.*

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10 *a tempo*

love.

II. *mf*

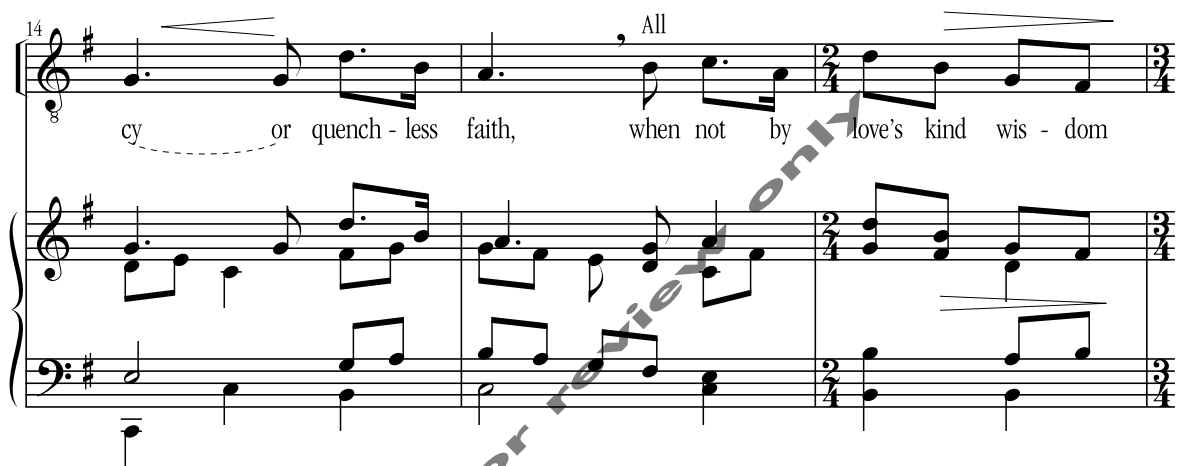
The no - blest speech, the brav - est deed, wise pro - phe -

8' Pr., light Reed



14 *All*

cy or quench - less faith, when not by love's kind wis - dom

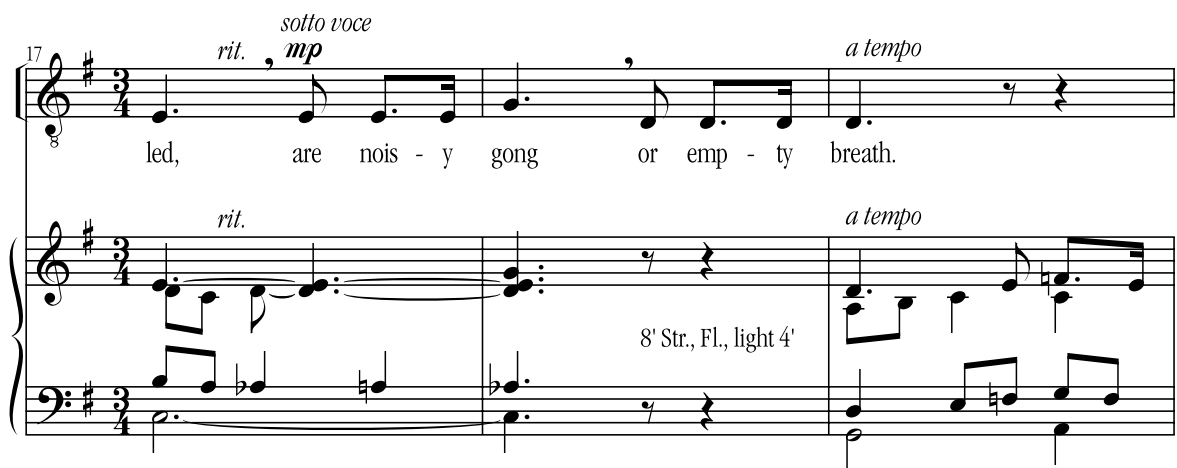


17 *rit.*, *mp* *a tempo*

led, are nois - y gong or emp - ty breath.

*rit.* *a tempo*

8' Str., Fl., light 4'



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20 I. *mf*

For love is pa - tient, love is kind, is slow to

23

an - ger, is not proud, is not re - sent - ful, does not

26 *rall.* *a tempo*

boast, is quick to speak a heal - ing word.

*rall.* *a tempo*

29 II. *mf*

Love does not seek to have its way, does not re -

8' Pr. (no Reed), Str.

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joice at e - vil deeds, but looks for truth and works for

35

*rall. mp* good, and walks the way *rit.* that kind-ness leads. *a tempo*

*rall.* *rit.* *a tempo* add light 4's

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I. *mf* O Spir - it, Giv - er of our lives, —

II. *mf* O Spir - it, Giv - er of our lives, source of all

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source of bless - ings ours to share, teach us to live through  
bless - ings ours to share, teach us to live, through all our

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*rall.* all our days, your love's ex - am - ple in your care. *rit.*  
days, your love's ex - am - ple in your care.

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8' Solo stop

8' Solo stop