

# O For A Closer Walk With God

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*Adagio non troppo* ♩ = 50

ORGAN *p Sw. with Oboe* *add 4 ft. Sw.* *Man.*

*mp SOLO*  
Oh! for a clos-er

*p* *without Oboe 8 ft. only* *Ped. soft 16 ft.*

walk with God, A calm and heavn-ly frame! A light to shine up - on the road That

*p* FULL CHOIR  
leads me to the Lamb! Oh! for a clos-er walk with God, A calm and heavn-ly

*p* A calm and

*Gt. soft 8 ft.*

*cresc.* frame A light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb! *dim.* *p*

heavn-ly frame! *dim.* *p*

*cresc.* *dim.* *p*

SOLO *Piu moto agitato*

*p*

What peace - ful hours I once en - joyed! How sweet their mem'-ry

*p Ch. S. ft.*

*p*

still! But they have left an ach-ing void, an ach-ing void the world can nev-er

*Sw. Oboe*

*p*

*rall.* *mf* FULL *a tempo*

fill, the world can nev-er fill. Re - turn, O ho-ly Dove re-

*mf*

*Gt. soft 8 & 4 ft coupled to Sw.*

*rall.* *mf* *Gt.* *a tempo* *cresc.*

*dim.* *p* SOLO *>*

turn, re - turn, Sweet Mes-sen-ger of rest! I hate the sins that made Thee

O ho-ly dove re - turn, re - turn.

*dim.* *p* *Sw.*

*cresc. agitato*

mourn, And drove Thee from my breast. The dear-est i-dol I have

*cresc. agitato*

*cresc. f*

known, What e'er that i-dol be, Help me to tear it from Thy

*cresc. f*

*mf dolce.*

throne, to tear it from Thy throne And wor-ship on - ly

*soft Gt. no reed. mp*

*mp p*

Thee. I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, And drove Thee from my

*Sw. Sw. Gt. no reed*

## FULL CHOIR

*mf* *dim. e rall.*

breast. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove re - turn, re -

*mf* Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove! re -

*dim. e rall.*

*dim. e rall.*

SOLO  
Tempo primo  
dolce. *mp*

CHOIR

turn, Sweet Mes-sen-ger of rest! Re - turn, O ho - ly

turn, re Re - turn

*pp* *a tempo* *pp* *tempo primo* *pp*

So shall my walk be close with God, turn

Calm and se-re-ne my frame, So pur - er light shall mark the road That

Dove re - turn,

## FULL CHOIR

leads me to the Lamb.

So shall my walk be close with God,

Calm and se-rene my frame;

So pur-er light shall mark the road that

Calm and se-rene my frame; So

leads me to the Lamb!

So shall my walk be close with God

*p* FULL CHOIR

So shall my walk be close with God, be close, close with God.

*pp* A-men.

*p* So shall my walk be close, be

*pp*