

# THE SACRED HEART

## O dearest Love divine

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*Andante devoto*

1. O dear-est Love di - vine, My heart to Thee I give, Ex -  
 2. Who can re-quite the love Shown in the won-drous plan, Where-

chang - ing it for Thine, That Thou in me may'st live. Most  
 by the God a - bove For me be - came a Man? Thou

lov - ing and most meek, Hearts on - ly dost Thou seek: O  
 say'st "Give Me Thy heart!" With it I free - ly part Hop -

may my heart but prove A love like Thine, sweet Love!  
 ing that it may prove A love like Thine, sweet Love!

3. Thy Heart is opened wide  
 That, freely entering in,  
 I may Thy guest abide,  
 And newer life begin.  
 This doest Thou, to gain  
 My love, and e'er retain:  
 O may my answer prove  
 A love like Thine, sweet Love!

4. Here in Thy Heart I find  
 A haven of sweet rest,  
 An ever-quiet mind,  
 A mansion of the Blest  
 Rock that was cleft for me,  
 Behold, I fly to Thee,  
 Like a world-weary dove,  
 Home to its mated Love!