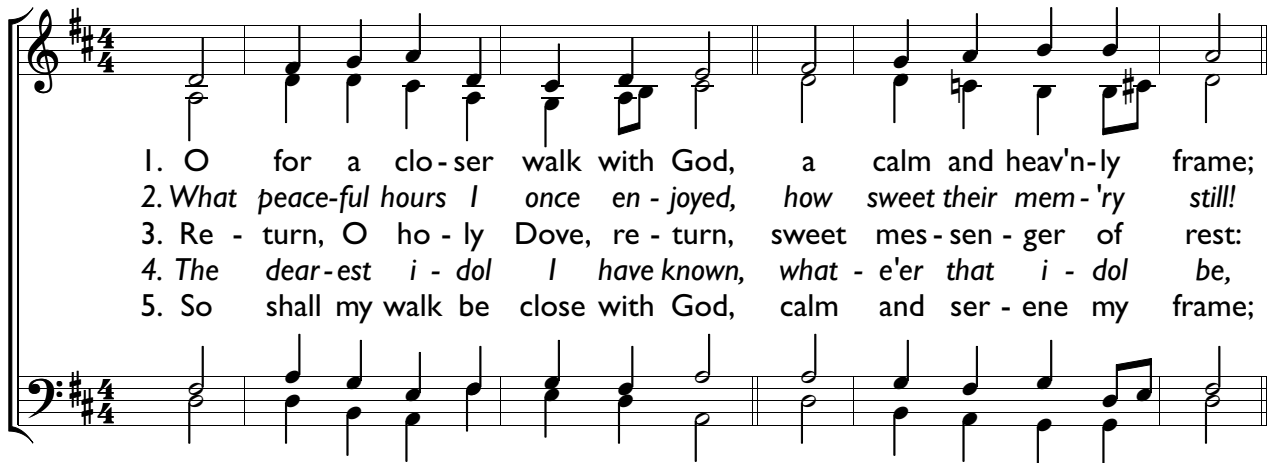


# AMNS 231 O for a closer walk with God

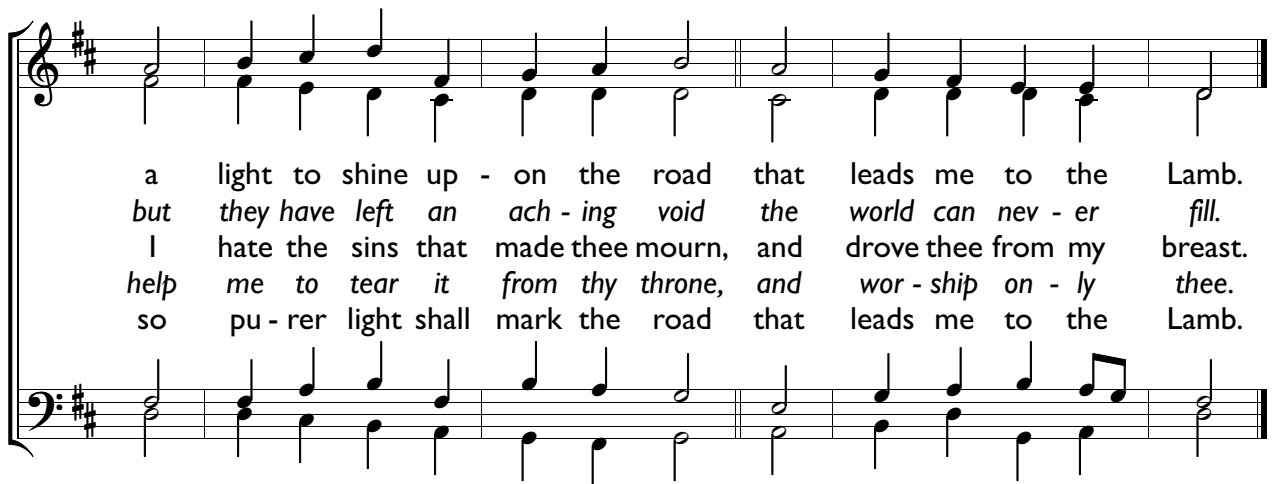
William Cowper  
(1731-1800)

Melody: Caithness

Melody from  
Scottish Psalter (1635)



1. O for a clo-ser walk with God, a calm and heav'n-ly frame;  
2. *What peace-ful hours I once en-joyed, how sweet their mem-'ry still!*  
3. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest:  
4. *The dear-est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,*  
5. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and ser - ene my frame;



a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb.  
*but they have left an ach - ing void the world can nev - er fill.*  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.  
*help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.*  
so pu - rer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.