

If ye love me

John 14: 15-17

Thomas Tallis
(c 1505 - 1585)

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a keyboard accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comfort, that Father, and he shall give you another comfort, that". The score is divided into three systems, with measures 5 and 9 marked at the beginning of the second and third systems respectively. The keyboard part provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands.

If ye love me, keep my com - mand - ments,
If ye love me, keep my com - mand - ments,
If ye love me, keep my com - mand - ments,
If ye love me, keep my com - mand - ments,
and I will pray the Fa - - ther,
and I will pray the Fa -
and I will pray the Fa - ther,
and I will pray the
and he shall give you a - no - ther com - for - ter,
- ther, and he shall give you a - no - ther com - for - ter,
and he shall give you a - no - ther com - for - ter, that
Fa - ther, and he shall give you a - no - ther com - for - ter,

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that he _____ may bide with you for e -
 that he may bide with you for e - ver, with you for e -
 he may bide with you for e - ver, that he may bide with you for e -
 that he _____ may bide with you for e - ver, may bide with you for e -

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-ver, e'en the spirit of truth,
 -ver, e'en the spirit of truth, e'en the spirit of
 -ver, e'en the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, e'en
 -ver, e'en the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth,

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e'en the spirit of truth, e'en the spirit of truth, truth, truth.
 truth, e'en the spirit of truth, e'en the spirit of truth, truth.
 the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, that truth.
 e'en the spirit of truth, the spirit of truth, truth.