

I dared not hope

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The image shows a piano accompaniment for the hymn 'I dared not hope'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The first system starts with a measure number '5' above the treble staff. The second system starts with a measure number '10'. The third system starts with a measure number '15'. The fourth system starts with a measure number '20' and ends with a measure number '25'. The music features a variety of chords and melodic lines, with some measures containing fermatas.

I dared not hope that Thou wouldst deign to come
And make this lowly heart of mine Thy home,
That Thou wouldst deign, O King of kings, to be
E'en for one hour a sojourner in me;
Yet art Thou always here to help, and bless,
And lift the load of my great sinfulness.

I do not always go where Thou dost lead,
I do not always Thy soft whispers heed;
I follow other lights, and, in my sin,
I vex with many a slight my Friend within:
Yet Thou dost not, though grieved, from me depart,
But guardest still Thy place within my heart.

I dared not ever hope for such a Guide
To walk with me my faltering steps beside,
To help me when I fall, and when I stray
Constrain me gently to the better way;
Yet art Thou always at my side to be
A Counselor and a Comforter to me.

Edwin Hatch