

# O breath of God, breathe on us now

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat. It contains measures 1 through 5. Measure 5 is marked with a '5' above the staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, and the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment.

The second system of musical notation continues from the first, containing measures 6 through 15. Measure 10 is marked with a '10' above the staff, and measure 15 is marked with a '15' above the staff. The musical structure remains consistent with the first system.

O breath of God, breathe on us now,  
And move within us while we pray:  
The Spring of our new life art Thou,  
The very light of our new day.

But ah, this faithless heart of mine,  
The way I know, I know my Guide:  
Forgive me, O my Friend divine,  
That I so often turn aside.

O strangely art Thou with us, Lord,  
Neither in height nor depth to seek:  
In nearness shall Thy voice be heard;  
Spirit to spirit Thou dost speak.

Be with me when no other friend  
The mystery of my heart can share;  
And be Thou known, when fears transcend,  
By Thy best name of Comforter.

Christ is our Advocate on high;  
Thou art our Advocate within.  
O plead the truth, and make reply  
To every argument of sin.

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