

# Holy Ghost, come down upon thy children

G. Holst, 1906

Bossiney

*Refrain*

*Fine Verse* 10

*DC for refrain* 15

*Refrain*

*Holy Ghost, come down upon Thy children,  
Give us grace and make us Thine;  
Thy tender fires within us kindle,  
Blessèd Spirit, Dove divine.*

For all within us good and holy  
Is from Thee, Thy precious gift;  
In all our joys, in all our sorrows,  
Wistful hearts to Thee we lift.

**Refrain**

For Thou to us art more than Father,  
More than sister, in Thy love,  
So gentle, patient, and forbearing,  
Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove.

**Refrain**

O we have grieved Thee, gracious Spirit!  
Wayward, wanton, cold are we;  
And still our sins, new every morning,  
Never yet have wearied Thee.

**Refrain**

Ah! Sweet Consoler, though we cannot  
Love Thee as Thou lovest us,  
Yet if Thou deign'st our hearts to kindle  
They will not be always thus.

**Refrain**

With hearts so vile how dare we venture,  
King of kings, to love Thee so?  
And how canst Thou, with such compassion,  
Bear so long with things so low?

**Refrain**

Frederick Faber