

Sometimes a light surprises

Swedish Koralbok, 1697

Blomstertid
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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a brace on the left. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. A measure rest is indicated by a vertical line with a '5' above it in the fifth measure.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features two staves with a treble and bass clef. A measure rest is indicated by a vertical line with a '10' above it in the tenth measure.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It features two staves with a treble and bass clef. A measure rest is indicated by a vertical line with a '15' above it in the fifteenth measure.

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;
It is the Lord, who rises with healing in His wings:
When comforts are declining, He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new.
Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing but He will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing will clothe His people, too;
Beneath the spreading heavens, no creature but is fed;
And He who feeds the ravens will give His children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit should bear,
Though all the field should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;
Yet God the same abiding, His praise shall tune my voice,
For while in Him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

William Cowper