

# 33. O FOR A CLOSER WALK

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Melody: Scottish Psalter, 1635  
arranged by C. V. STANFORD (1852-1924)

**Andante molto tranquillo**

SOPRANOS

VOICES

ORGAN

*p*

*p*

Man.

O for a clo-ser

5  
walk with God, A calm and heav'n-ly frame; —

A

9  
light to shine up-on the road

That leads me to the

13  
Lamb! —

Ped.

17

SOPRANO ALTO

Re-turn, O ho - ly Dove, — re - turn! — Re -

TENOR BASS

re - turn! —

ORGAN

21

-turn! — Re - turn!

Sweet mes-sen-ger of rest;

26

hate the sins that made thee mourn, — that made thee

mourn,

30

mourn, — And drove thee — from my breast.

35

*mf* So shall my walk be close with God,  
*p* So shall my walk be

40

*p* close with God, Calm — and ser - ene — my frame; —

45

*f* (sempre *f*)

So pur-er light shall mark the road

50

That leads me *dim.* to *p*

That leads me to the Lamb.

*f* *dim.* *p*

*dim.* *p*

Man.

55

Ped.