

The Contrite Heart

William Cowper (1731-1800)

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$\text{♩} = 66$

SOPRANO

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ALTO

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TENOR

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ble as steel;
 if I could;

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Then tell me, —
If aught is —
 But of - ten —

hearts be - stow; Then tell me, — gra - cious God, is mine, Then tell me, —
ble as steel; If aught is felt, 'tis on - ly pain, If aught is —
 if I could; But of - ten — feel an - oth - er mind, But of - ten —

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But

Then tell me, gracious God, is mine, Then
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feel an - oth - er mind, But of - ten feel an - oth - er mind, But

tell me, gracious God, is mine A con - trite heart or no?
aught is felt, 'tis on - ly pain, To find I can - not feel.
of - ten feel an - oth - er mind, A - verse to all that's good.

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4. My best desires are faint and few,
I fain would strive for more;
But when I cry, "My strength renew!"
Seem weaker than before.

5. Thy saints are comforted, I know,
And love Thy house of prayer;
I therefore go where others go,
But find no comfort there.

6. Oh make this heart rejoice or ache;
Decide this doubt for me;
And if it be not broken, break—
And heal it, if it be.

If any verses are omitted,
verse 6 should still be sung.

If singing congregationally, the repeat,
bars 9-20 and the first half of bar 21
may be omitted.