

Act of Hope

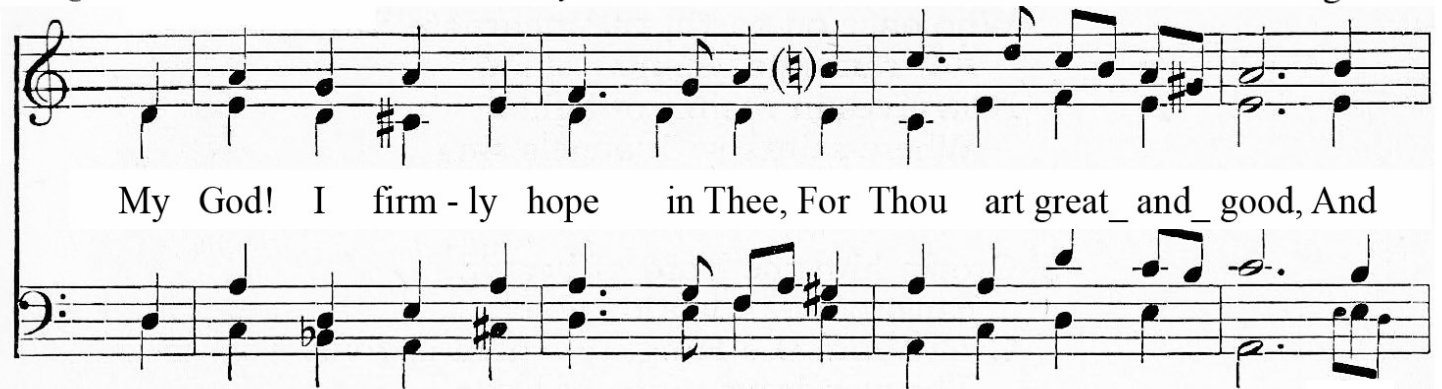
O my God, I hope that after death Thou wilt admit me to everlasting happiness, and that Thou wilt give me here such means as are essential to the attainment of that happiness. I trust that Thou wilt grant me for this end the grace of the Holy Spirit, such temporal good things as are necessary to me, pardon of sin, help in time of need, and a gracious answer to my petitions. I hope this, because Thou, Who art almighty and all-bountiful and ever-faithful to Thy promises, hast promised these things to me, and because Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour, has merited them for me by His cruel death upon the cross. **O God, increase my hope.**

Fr. Jeremiah Williams Cummings (1814-1866)

Songs for Catholic Schools and Aids to Memory for the Catechism

Philip James, 1941

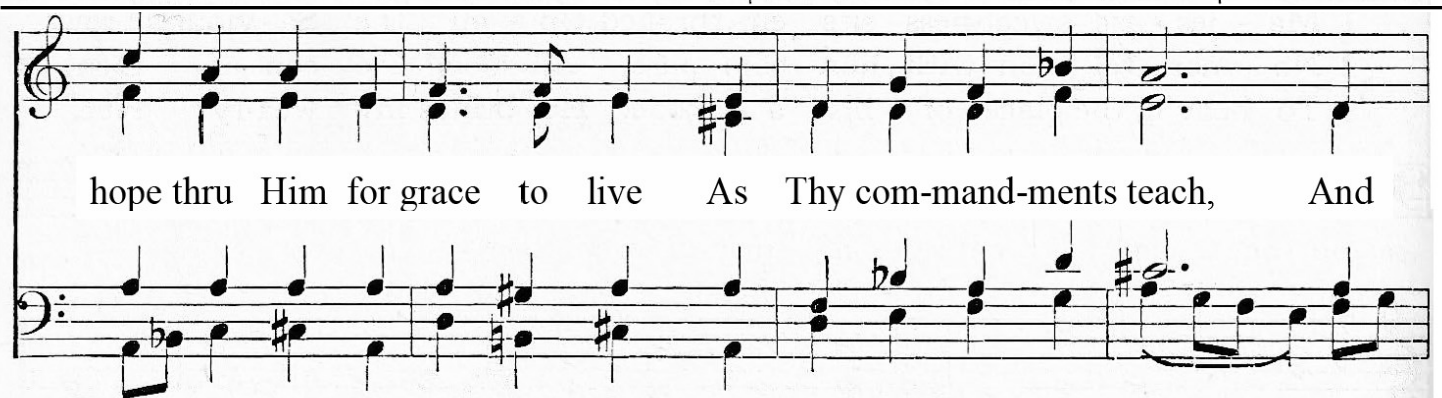
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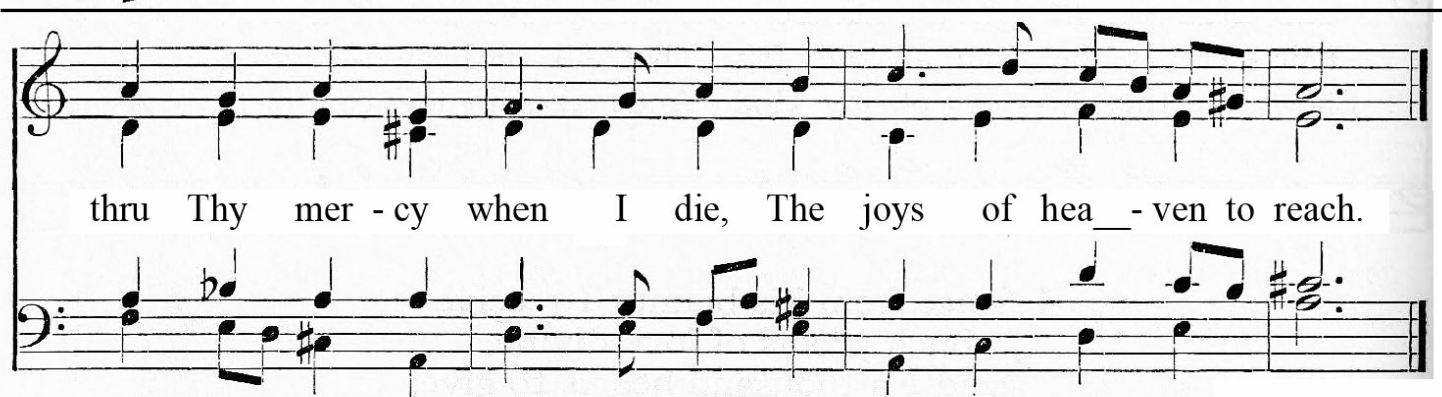
My God! I firm - ly hope in Thee, For Thou art great_ and_ good, And



ga - vest us Thine on - ly_ Son, To die_ u_ - pon the rood. I



hope thru Him for grace to live As Thy com-mand-ments teach, And



thru Thy mer - cy when I die, The joys of hea - ven to reach.