

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

Tregaron

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

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "thru Thy mer - cy when I die, The joys of hea - ven to reach." The piece ends with a double bar line.