

Vital spark of heavenly flame

The dying Christian to his soul

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Largo

Soprano or Tenor I *mp* *tr*
(8) Vi - tal spark of_ heav'n-ly flame! Quit, O quit this mor - tal frame; Trem - bling, ho - ping,

Soprano or Tenor II *mp* *tr*
(8) Vi - tal spark of_ heav'n-ly flame! Quit, O quit this mor - tal frame; Trem - bling, ho - ping,

Bass *mp*
Vi - tal spark of_ heav'n-ly flame! Quit, O quit_ this mor - tal frame;

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(8) ling'-ring fly - ing, - Oh! the pain, the bliss of_ dy - ing! Cease, fond na - ture, cease thy strife, And

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10 *tr* **Affettuoso**
(8) let me lan - guish_ in - to life. Hark! they whis per, an - gels say, they whis per, an - gels

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(8) say, hark! hark! they whis per, an - gels say, Sis - ter_ spi - rit, come a -

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way, sis-ter spi-rit come a-way! What is this ab-sorbs me quite, steals my sen-ses,

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sis-ter spi-rit come this way! What is this ab-sorbs me quite, steals my sen-ses,

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shuts my sight? Drowns my spi-rit, draws my breath? Tell me my soul, can this be

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Andante

death, tell me my soul, can this be death? The world re-cedes, it dis-appears! Heav'n

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o-pens on my eyes! My ears with sounds se-ra-phyic ring!

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66 **Vivace**

f

Lend, lend your wings! I mount, I fly! O grave, where is thy vic-to-ry, O grave, where is thy vic-to-ry? O

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death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy vic-to-ry? O death where is thy sting? Lend, lend your wings! I

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death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy vic-to-ry? O death where is thy sting? Lend, lend your wings! I

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mount, I fly! O grave, where is thy vic-to-ry, thy vic-to-ry, O grave where is thy

mount, I fly! O grave, where is thy vic-to-ry, thy vic-to-ry, O grave where is thy

mount, I fly! O grave, where is thy vic-to-ry, thy vic-to-ry, O grave where is thy

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vic-to-ry, thy vic-to-ry? O death where is thy sting, O death where is thy sting? Lend, lend thy wings! I

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vic-to-ry, thy vic-to-ry? O death where is thy sting, O death where is thy sting? Lend, lend thy wings! I

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mount, I fly! O grave, where is thy vic - to - ry, thy vic - to - ry? O

mount, I fly! O grave, where is thy vic - to - ry, thy vic - to - ry? O

mount, I fly! O grave, where is thy vic - to - ry, thy vic - to - ry? O

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death, O death, where is thy sting?

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