

William Cowper
(1731-1800)

AMNS 108 Sometimes a light surprises

Melody: Offertorium

Melody adapted from
Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

1. Some - times a light sur - pri - ses the Chris - tian while he sings:
2. In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
3. it can bring with it no - thing but he will bear us through;
4. Though vine nor fig - tree nei - ther their won - ted fruit should bear,

it is the Lord who ri - ses with heal - ing in his wings;
the theme of God's sal - va - tion, and find it ev - er new:
who gives the li - lies clo - thing will clothe his peo - ple too:
though all the fields should wi - ther, nor flocks nor herds be there;

when com - forts are de - cli - ning, he grants the soul a - gain
set free from pre - sent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
be - neath the spreading hea - vens no crea - ture but is fed;
yet, God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;

a sea - son of clear shi - ning to cheer it af - ter rain.
"E'en let the un - known mor - row bring with it what it may,
and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread."
for, while in him con - fi - ding, I can - not but re - joice.