

# If Only Grief Was Like This Hymn

## A Hymn of Lament

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Music: Kentucky Harmony, 1816

Tune: SALVATION

Vocals

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, 2/2 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of approximately two octaves. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 1, 5, 9, and 13 indicating the start of new lines of text. The lyrics are a four-line hymn with a refrain.

1. If on - ly grief was like this hymn, so meas - ured and pre - cise, with  
2. If on - ly pain was lo - gi - cal, so lin - e - ar and brief, in -  
3. If on - ly woes came once then left so soon and then un - done, in -  
4. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit in this hour when I, your ser - vant, cry; Come

rhyme and rea - son ev - 'ry - where, so per - fect and con - cise, pre -  
stead my grief e - ludes my grasp, as se - cret as a thief. Some  
stead my sadd - est song comes back, more ver - ses to be sung. Some -  
hold me in your lov - ing arms, don't let my heart's hopes die. Come

dict - a - ble it's ver - ses are, it's tone and text - ure sure. The  
days it hides and slumb - ers near, so qui - et and so still, but  
times I feel as though I'm torn, as if I'm ripped a - part, so  
lead me to a bet - ter place, where warmth and mirth pre - side, come

grief I have has none of this, its patt - ern so ob - scure.  
oth - er days it ra - ges fierce, and fights a - gainst my will.  
i - so - lat - ed and dis - graced, a viel a - cross my heart.  
send me forth in hap - pi - ness, with pro - vi - dence my guide.