

48. Light of Every Human Heart

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Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

From your bright and blissful Home

Rays of healing light impart. Come, Father of the poor,

Source of gifts that will endure

Light of every human heart.

You, of all consolers best,

Of the soul, most kindly Guest,

Quickening courage do bestow.

In hard labor You are rest,

In the heat You refresh best,

And solace give in our woe.

O most blessed Light divine,

Let Your radiance in us shine,

And our inmost being fill.

Nothing good by man is thought,

Nothing right by him is wrought,

When he spurns Your gracious Will.

Cleanse our souls from sinful stain,

Lave our dryness with Your rain

Heal our wounds and mend our way.

Bend the stubborn heart and will,

Melt the frozen, warm the chill,

Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful who in You,

Trust with childlike piety,

Deign your sevenfold gift to send.

Give them virtue's rich increase,

Saving grace to die in peace,

Give them joys that never end.

Amen.