

O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

Edwin Hatch / SAINT COLUMBA



1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.

2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I have one will,
to do and to endure.

3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Lyrics: 86.86; Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889, in a private printing of "Between Doubt and Prayer", 1888.
Music: SAINT COLUMBA; Irish melody, ca. 18th cent.; harmonized by Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852-1924.