



**B** tenors and basses

16 *mf*

T. *mf*

B. *mf*

The roy - al robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of spring,

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21

T.

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the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the sil - ver glis - ter - ing

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26 *dolce*

T. *dolce*

B. *dolce*

of all the mil - lion mil - lion\_ stars, the si - lent song they sing.

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**C** altos and sopranos

31 *f*

S. A - wake, a-wake to love and work! the lark is in the sky

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36

S. the fields are wet with dia-mond dew, the worlds a - wake to cry

A. the fields are wet with dia-mond dew, the worlds a - wake to cry

41 *mp rit.*

S. their bless - ings on our Lord of life as He goes meek - ly by.

A. their bless - ings on our Lord of life as He goes meek - ly by.

46 *mf* *meno mosso* *mp* *f*

S. Ah Come

A. Ah Come

T. Ah Come

B. Ah Come

♩ = 78

**D** *maestoso*

50

Choir

let your voice be one with theirs and sing a song of praise;

54

Choir

see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great lord of years and days!

59

Choir

So let the love of Je - sus\_ come and set your soul\_ a - blaze.

*rit.* . . . . .



Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy MC (1883-1929) was an English Anglican priest and poet.

On the outbreak of World War I, Studdert Kennedy volunteered as a chaplain to the army on the Western Front, where he gained the nickname "Woodbine Willie" for giving Woodbine cigarettes to the soldiers he met, as well as spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers. In 1917, he was awarded the Military Cross at Messines Ridge after running into no man's land to help the wounded during an attack on the German frontline.

After the war, Studdert Kennedy was given charge of St Edmund, King and Martyr in Lombard Street, London. Having been converted to Christian socialism and pacifism during the war, he wrote *Lies* (1919), *Democracy and the Dog-Collar* (1921) (featuring such chapters as "The Church Is Not a Movement but a Mob", "Capitalism is Nothing But Greed, Grab, and Profit-Mongering" and "So-Called Religious Education Worse than Useless"), *Food for the Fed Up* (1921), *The Wicket Gate* (1923), and *The Word and the Work* (1925). He moved to work for the Industrial Christian Fellowship, for whom he went on speaking tours of Britain. His appointment as missioner for ICF released him from routine clerical duties to become an outspoken advocate for the working classes. One of his celebrated quotes was: "If finding God in our churches leads to us losing Him in our factories, then better we tear down those churches for God must hate the sight of them."

It was on one of these tours that he was taken ill with the flu, which was complicated by his weak lungs. He died in Liverpool on 8 March 1929, exhausted at the age of 45.