

The Silence of Faith - SILENT FAITH (SWERD)

Horatius Bonar; From Hymns of the Nativity...

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Ponderingly thoughtful (♩ = 120)

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I can - not mas - ter time and space, Nor bid the im - petuous
I can - not bid the tomb dis - gorge The tro - phies of the
The cur - rent of one hu - man will Is far too strong for
I see the years like bil - lows break Up - on the pas - sive

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a - ges stay; I can - not al - ter noon and night, Nor
ty - rant's power; I can - not charm the spoil - er's hate, Nor
me to stem; The rush - ing flood thou - sand wills, How
strand of time, And as they break, sweep off in turn Man's

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turn the shad - ows in - to day. I may not span un - meas - ured skies, Nor
flush a - gain one pal - lid flower. A mor - tal 'mid the mor - tal here, I
can I hope to baf - fle them? I can - not al - ter right and wrong, Nor
works of ev - ery age and clime. Who, what am I a - mid the wreck Of

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I can lean on Him who guides The sky, and sea, and
 to the Liv - ing One I fly For health and im - mor-
 Him in fool - ish - ness I come, Be - fore Him rev - er-
 call them fair— as fair as when They dropped from God's bright

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faith - ful tides.
 - tal - i ty.
 - ent and dumb.
 heav'n for men.