**O Beauty, Ever Ancient**

**VERSES** ($\frac{1}{2} = \text{ca. 88})$

1. Oh, late have I loved you, oh, late have I
2. My un-loveliness I ran from, turned to seek you in all
3. This created world is glorious, yet I could not see with-
4. I had wandered far, perceiving that I walked my road a-
5. In your loveliness you made me, in your godly image

1. turned; turned from seeking you in creatures, fleeing grief and pain within.
2. things, things you fashioned as a pathway; yet I lost myself in them.
3. in, see your loveliness behind all, find the Giver in the gift.
4. lone. Yet you called, you shone, you summoned, and you drew my spirit home.
5. true; by your grace you have renewed me; let me live my life in you!

**REFRAIN**

O Beauty, ever ancient, O Beauty, ever new: you, the

mirror of my life renewed, let me find my life in you!

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