O BEAUTY, EVER ANCIENT

Verses (4 = ca. 88)

Descant

4. I had wandered far, perceiving that I

Soprano

mp 1. Oh, __ late __ have I loved you, oh, __
mp 2. My unlove-li-ness I ran from, turned to
mf 3. This created world is glorious, yet I
mp 4. I had wandered far, perceiving that I
mf 5. In your love-li-ness you made me, in your

Baritone

4. walked my road alone. Yet you called, you shone, you

1. late __ have I turned; turned from seeking you in
2. seek you in all things, things you fashioned as a
3. could not see with in, see your love-li-ness be-
4. walked my road alone. Yet you called, you shone, you
5. god-ly image true; by your grace you have re-

4. summoned, and you drew my spirit home.

1. creatures, fleeing grief and pain with in.
2. path-way; yet I lost myself in them.
3. hind all, find the Giver in the gift.
4. summoned, and you drew my spirit home.
5. newed me; let me live my life in you!
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