


## O BEAUTY, EVER ANCIENT

Verses (♩ = ca. 88)

*Descant*




4. I had wan - dered far, per - ceiv - ing that I

*Soprano*

*Alto*

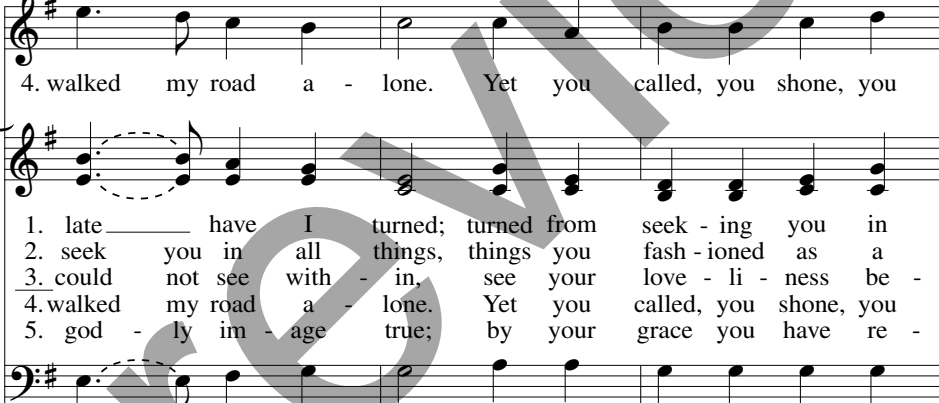
*mp* 1. Oh, — late — have I loved you, oh, —  
*mp* 2. My un - love - li - ness I ran from, turned to  
*mf* 3. This cre - at - ed world is glo - rious, yet I  
*mp* 4. I had wan - dered far, per - ceiv - ing that I  
*mf* 5. In your love - li - ness you made me, in your

*Baritone*



4. walked my road a - lone. Yet you called, you shone, you

1. late — have I turned; turned from seek - ing you in  
 2. seek you in all things, things you fash - ioned as a  
 3. could not see with - in, see your love - li - ness be -  
 4. walked my road a - lone. Yet you called, you shone, you  
 5. god - ly im - age true; by your grace you have re -



4. sum - moned, and you drew my spir - it home.

1. crea - tures, flee - ing grief and pain with - in.  
 2. path - way; yet I lost my - self in them.  
 3. hind all, find the Giv - er in the gift.  
 4. sum - moned, and you drew my spir - it home.  
 5. newed me; let me live my life in you!



O BEAUTY, EVER ANCIENT, cont. (2)

*Refrain*

O Beau-ty, ev-er an-cient, O— Beau-ty, ev-er new: you, the mir - ror

of my life re - newed, let me find my life in you!

Text: Based on a prayer from St. Augustine of Hippo's *Confessions*, ca. 400; Roc O'Connor, SJ, b. 1949.  
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