

Gently Lead Us

from **The American Vocalist (1849)**
Realized for 7 parts by Alan Riley Jones

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Select the sequence of textures as best suits your situation. Suggested sequence:

Stanza 1: Tenors and Basses in unison (*measures 1-16*)

Stanza 1: SATB (*measures 17-32*)

Stanza 2: SSA (*measures 33-48 upper two staves*)

Stanza 3: TTBB (*measures 33-48 lower two staves*)

Stanza 1: Tutti in 7 parts (*measures 33-48 all staves*)

Quietly and serenely (♩=80)

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Tenors and Basses



1. Gent - ly, Lord, O__ gent - ly lead us, Thro' this lone - ly vale of tears,___
 2. In the hour of__ pain and an - guish, In the__ hour when death draws near,___
 3. When this mor - tal__ life is end - ed, Bid us__ in thine arms to rest,___



And, O__ Lord, in mer - cy give us, Thy rich grace in__ all our fears.____
 Suf - fer__ not our hearts to lan - guish, Suf - fer__ not our__ souls to fear.____
 Till by__ an - gel bands at - tend - ed, We a - wake a - mong the blest.____

17 *Melody in Tenor*

S
A

1. Gent - ly, Lord, O__ gent - ly lead us, Thro' this lone - ly vale of tears,___
 2. In the hour of__ pain and an - guish, In the__ hour when death draws near,___
 3. When this mor - tal__ life is end - ed, Bid us__ in thine arms to rest,___

T
B

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And, O__ Lord, in mer - cy give us, Thy rich grace in__ all our fears.____
 Suf - fer__ not our hearts to languish, Suf - fer__ not our__ souls to fear.____
 Till by__ an - gel bands at - tend ed, We a - wake a - mong the blest.____

Unison melody and 4-part stanza are as given in the 1849 source. 7-part setting closely adheres to the source.

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33 SSA, or TTBB, or 7-part Tutti - Melody in Soprano 1 and Bass 1

S1

1. Gent - ly, Lord, O__ gent - ly lead us, Thro' this lone - ly vale of tears, —
 2. In the hour of__ pain and an - guish, In the hour when death draws near, —
 3. When this mor - tal__ life is end - ed, Bid us__ in thine arms to rest, —

S2
A

1. Gent - ly, Lord, O__ gent - ly lead us, Thro' this lone - ly vale of tears, —
 2. In the hour of__ pain and an - guish, In the hour when death draws near, —
 3. When this mor - tal__ life is end - ed, Bid us__ in thine arms to rest, —

T1
T2

1. Gent - ly, Lord, O__ gent - ly lead us, Thro' this lone - ly vale of tears, —
 2. In the hour of__ pain and an - guish, In the hour when death draws near, —
 3. When this mor - tal__ life is end - ed, Bid us__ in thine arms to rest, —

B1
B2

1. Gent - ly, Lord, O__ gent - ly lead us, Thro' this lone - ly vale of tears, —
 2. In the hour of__ pain and an - guish, In the hour when death draws near, —
 3. When this mor - tal__ life is end - ed, Bid us__ in thine arms to rest, —

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Last time rit.

And, O__ Lord, in mer - cy give us, Thy rich grace in__ all our fears. fears.
 Suf - fer__ not our hearts to lan - guish, Suf - fer__ not our souls to fear.. fear..
 Till by__ an - gel bands at - tend - ed, We a - wake a - mong the blest. blest.

And, O__ Lord, in mer - cy give us, Thy rich grace in__ all our fears. fears.
 Suf - fer__ not our hearts to lan - guish, Suf - fer__ not our souls to fear.. fear..
 Till by__ an - gel bands at - tend - ed, We a - wake a - mong the blest. blest.

And, O__ Lord, in mer - cy give us, Thy rich grace in__ all our fears. fears.
 Suf - fer__ not our hearts to lan - guish, Suf - fer__ not our souls to fear.. fear..
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 Till by__ an - gel bands at - tend - ed, We a - wake a - mong the blest. blest.