Softly and Tenderly
Melody and Text - William L Thompson (c. 1880)

Arr: PKN - 5 Feb. 2008   6 in a bar - sing it as the title suggests

Verse 1, S and A only

Verse 2, Men only

All voices both verses

mf "Come home! Come home!"  "Come home! Ye who are wea-ry, come home!"

mf "Come home! Call-ing for you and for me?"

watch ing for you and for me. (for me.)

mer-cies for you and for me, for me.

Earn est-ly, ten-der-ly, Je-sus is call-ing, Call-ing, "O sin- ner, come home!"

Soft-ly, so soft-ly, so soft-ly, soft-ly, so soft-ly, 

Soft-ly, so soft-ly, so soft-ly, soft-ly, so soft-ly, 

Soft-ly, so soft-ly, so soft-ly, soft-ly and ten-der-ly, 

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Softly and tenderly, so softly, so softly, 

"Home! Home!"

PP Time is now fleet-ing, the mo-ments are pass-ing, Pass-ing from you and from me: Shad-ows are gath-er-ing, Time is fleet-ing, the mo-ments pass-ing, "Come home, come home, come home, come home!"

mf "Come home! Come home! Come home!

a Tempo Ye who are wea-ry, come home!" Earn-estly, tend-er-ly, Je-sus is call-ing, Call-ing, "O sin-ner, come Ye who are wea-ry, come home, come home!" Call-ing, Call-ing, "O sin-ner, come home!"
O, the love he has promised, 
O, for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and to me, 

promised for you and for me, promised for you and for me. "Come

Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me. "Come

home, come home! Come home, come home, come home!" Je - sus is

home, come home! Ye who are weary, come home!”, Earn - estly, patiently,

calling, "Sin - ner, O sin - ner, come home! Come home, come home!"

Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home! Come home, come home!"

Come home, come home, come home!"

This piece is complete if sung unaccompanied. It can be accompanied, if wished, perhaps with the choral interludes between the verses being played by the accompanying instrument. Sopranos and altos could sing it as a two-part anthem (accompanied, or course, with instrumental interludes), and it can even be sung as a unison anthem, with the voices holding the melody in all verses and instrumental interludes.

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