Despair Not, O Heart

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6. A gift to the churchyard we tender,
   As dust to the dust we surrender;
   Returning the clay to its Maker,
   We lay it to rest in God's acre.

7. A soul in that body abided,
   A soul that in Jesus confided,
   A soul that hath longed for salvation,
   And now hath found hope's consummation.

8. O earth, we consign to thy keeping
   This body with sorrow and weeping;
   In peace to await resurrection,
   When it shall arise in perfection.

9. O Christ, our soul's Maker and Lover;
   When time and earth's travail are over,
   Thou closest the grave's mournful story,
   And callest Thine own to Thy glory.

Jn 14:1-4, 1Cor 15:35-38

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