

Despair Not, O Heart

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Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413). Translated by O. T. Sanden, 1909.
 Music: 'Iam Moesta' or 'Jam Moesta' or 'Despair Not O Heart' or 'Med Sorgen Og Klagen'
 unknown, sometimes attr. Martin Luther, 1542. Setting: "The Wartburg Hymnal", 1918, alt.
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♩ = 100

1. De - - spair not, O heart, in thy sor - - - row, But hope from God's
 2. The bo - dy is shroud - ed in mourn - - - ing; The gar - lands, the
 3. A dear - ly be - - lov'd one hath left us; God hath in His
 4. When dawn - eth the glor - i - ous mor - - - row, This bo - dy that
 5. The seed that in spring - time is plant - - - ed, Is hid in the

pro - - mis - es bor - - row Be - - ware in thy sor - - row, of
 cas - - ket a - - dorn - - ing, Are em - - blems of hope that be -
 Wis - - dom be - - rept us; But He will not leave us for -
 we view with sor - - row, A glor - - if - ied form shall be
 ground, but if grant - - ed A meas - ure of sun - - shine and

sin - - ning For death is of life the be - - ginn - - - ing.
 to - - ken, O Death, that thy pow - - er is bro - - - ken.
 sa - - ken, - We know that the dead shall a - - wak - - - en.
 giv - - en, Re - - stored to its spi - - rit in hea - - - ven.
 show - - ers, Will spring in - to fruit - age and flow - - - ers;

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.

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.

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.

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.