Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove Hymnal 1982 no. 510 Melody: St Agnes C.M.

British spelling



Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,

with all thy quickening powers;

kindle a flame of sacred love

in these cold hearts of ours.

See how we trifle here below,

fond of these earthly toys:

our souls, how heavily they go,

to reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs,

in vain we strive to rise:

hosannas languish on our tongues,

and our devotion dies.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,

with all thy quickening powers;

come, shed abroad a Saviour’s love,

and that shall kindle ours.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)