

James Drummond Burns
(1823-64)

Hushed was the evening hymn

Sir Arthur Sullivan
(1842-1900)

Samuel (6 6. 6 6. 8 8.)

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment is simple and harmonic, with a steady bass line and a treble line of chords and single notes. The vocal line is a simple melody with a few grace notes and a final cadence. The score is divided into three systems, each with a treble and bass staff.

1. Hushed was the evening hymn,
The temple courts were dark,
The lamp was burning dim
Before the sacred ark,
When suddenly a voice Divine
Rang though the silence of the shrine.

2. The old man, meek and mild,
The priest of Israel, slept;
His watch the temple child,
The little Levite, kept;
And what to Eli's sense was sealed
The Lord to Hannah's son revealed.

3. O give me Samuel's ear,
The open ear, O Lord,
Alive and quick to hear
Each whisper of Thy word,
Like him to answer at Thy call,
And to obey Thee first of all.

4. O give me Samuel's heart,
A lowly heart, that waits
Where in Thy house Thou art,
Or watches at Thy gates
By day and night, a heart that still
Moves at the breathing of Thy will.

5. O give me Samuel's mind,
A sweet un murmuring faith,
Obedient and resigned
To Thee in life and death,
That I may read, with childlike eyes,
Truths that are hidden from the wise.