

Chesterfield

CM 8.6.8.6

New-England Psalm-Singer, 1770

SATB a cappella

William Billings
(1746-1800)

Soprano

1. Death may dis - solve my bod - y now, And bear — my spir - it home; Why

Alto

1. Death may dis - solve my bod - y now, And bear — my spir - it home; Why

Tenor

1. Death may — dis - solve my bod - y now, And bear — my spir - it home; Why

Bass

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do my min - utes move so slow, Nor my sal - va - tion come?

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2. With heav'nly Weapons I have fought
The Battles of the Lord,
Finished my course, and kept the Faith,
And wait the sure Reward.

3. God has laid up in Heav'n for me
A Crown which cannot fade;
The righteous Judge at that great Day
Shall place it on my Head.

4. Nor hath the King of Grace decreed
This Prize for me alone;
But all that love, and long to see
Th' Appearance of his Son.

5. Jesus, the Lord, shall guard me safe
From ev'ry ill Design;
And to his heav'nly Kingdom keep
This feeble Soul of mine.

6. God is my everlasting Aid,
And Hell shall rage in vain;
To Him be highest Glory paid,
And endless Praise, Amen.

NOTES: Tune is textless in original source, text here is taken from Isaac Watts (Psalm 2, CM). Alto part originally written in alto clef. Originally double bars were placed where Breath marks now appear.

For more information about piece, consult *The Complete Works of William Billings, Vol. 1* (ed. Karl Kroege, A-R Editions, 1981)
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