

Fidelity

Words: 'Fiordelisa'

Tune: Welsh traditional (Rhwym wrth dy Wregys)

$\text{♩} = 110$

TENOR

One of all the vir-tues that I most ad mire cal-leth for en-du-rance trial per-haps by fire

BARITONE BASS

şal - li a - lā'l - Muş - ta - fā ka - dhā āl - i'l - Muş - ta - fā

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But ho-we-ver pain-ful keep-ing it may be yet I would pos-sess it staunch fi-de-li ty

BAR. B.

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şal - li 'al - ā Aḥ - mad hā dha'l - Muş - ta - fā wa - 'a - lā fit - yā - ni'l - Mur - ta - dā

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- One, of all the virtues
That I most admire,
Calleth for endurance,
Trial, perhaps, by fire.
But, however painful,
Keeping it may be;
Yet I would possess it,
Staunch fidelity.
- Soldiers in the combat,
Tho' in mortal pain,
At the post of 'duty,'
Faithful will remain;
So in worldly conflict
Should the cry be heard,
'E'en defeat falls lighter,
If we keep our word!
- 'Give no heed to gossip
Of an idle tongue,
Tho' perchance thro' venom
Are our feelings wrung;
Rather wait in patience
God's appointed time,
While we learn the lesson,
'*Forgiveness is divine.*'
- Faithful then if need be,
All our earthly years,
Knowing many pathways
Sown, alas, in tears;
But how great the triumph
When Great Allah saith,
'Come for ye are worthy,
Faithful unto death.'
- Such the welcome tender'd
By the God of Love,
Who has watched his children
From his throne above,
Knowing how their brave hearts
Suffer'd many a pain,
Nobly borne in *silence*,
Faithful to remain
- Fidelity in all things,
Be our aim to-day;
Raise our social standard,
And do not delay;
Make our noble nation
Good as it is *brave*,
Nor to one its subjects
Be to *vice* a slave.