282 Come Down, O Love Divine



This lauda spirituale, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



- 1 We are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the Lord;
- 2 We will walk with each oth er; we will walk hand in hand;
- 3 We will work with each oth er; we will work side by side;
- 4 All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



the Spir - it; in the Lord, we are one in we are one will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand, we with each oth - er; will work we will work side by side, to Christ Je - sus, God's praise ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored: and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land: and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride: and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.