

**Music at the Offering** *The Truth From Above*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

This is the truth sent from above,  
The truth of God, the God of love;  
Therefore don't turn me from your door,  
But hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate,  
Is that God did man create  
The next thing which to you I tell,  
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Then after this was God's own choice  
To place them both in Paradise,  
There to remain from evil free  
Except they ate of such a tree.

But they did eat, which was a sin,  
And thus their ruin did begin —  
Ruined themselves, both you and me,  
And all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose  
And so a promise soon did run  
That He would redeem us by His Son.