

# Thy mighty love, O God, constraineth me

Consecration — Constrained by the Lord's Love

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(Guitar: Capo 1)

The musical score is written for guitar with a capo on the first fret. It consists of four staves of music in a 4/4 time signature, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the guitar accompaniment is written on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the melody. The first staff (measures 1-4) has a D chord above the first measure and A, A7, and D chords above the subsequent measures. The second staff (measures 5-8) has D, E7, and A chords above the measures. The third staff (measures 9-12) has D, G, and D chords above the measures. The fourth staff (measures 13-16) has G, D, A, A7, and D chords above the measures.

1. Thy might - y love, O God, con - strain - eth me,  
As some strong tide it press - eth on its way,  
Seek - ing a chan - nel in my self - bound soul,  
Yearn - ing to sweep all bar - ri - ers a - way.

2. Shall I not yield to that constraining power?  
Shall I not say, O tide of love, flow in?  
My God, Thy gentleness hath conquered me,  
Life cannot be as it hath hither been.

3. Break through my nature, mighty, heavenly love,  
Clear every avenue of thought and brain,  
Flood my affections, purify my will,  
Let nothing but Thine own pure life remain.

4. Thus wholly mastered and possessed by God,  
Forth from my life, spontaneous and free,  
Shall flow a stream of tenderness and grace,  
Loving, because God loved, eternally.