

# Thy mighty love, O God, constraineth me

Consecration — Constrained by the Lord's Love

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The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and common time (C). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes. Above the notes, chords are indicated: Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Bb/D, Bb7, Eb, Eb/G, Bb7/F, Eb, Bb, Cm, F7, Bb, Eb, Bb/D, Cm, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/G, Eb, Ab, Fm, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/Bb, Bb7, Eb. The lyrics are: 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.