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Blind

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Steady and sustained

Voice

God, who gave the world its fairness, Swooning seas and

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ardent skies; Fashioned it with every rareness That could dazzle

human eyes; God, who gave me all of these, Help me do with-

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-out them, please. Giv-
er of the light and flow-
rs.
cresc. e sempre legato

Run-
ning stream and for-
est tree, Help me through the

heav-
y hours, When I think what o-
thers see.

God, who took my sight a-
way, Help me do without it, pray.
II
The Cost

Eric Thirkell Cooper

Voice

Hurried and impassioned

Piano

f (poco rubato)

Take back the honour and the fame, The victory we've won, Take all the credit from my name, If this can be un-

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Let him, my friend that
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used to be, somehow be given back to me.

Don't mock me with the pride of it, The glory of his death, I only
know he sighed a bit— I felt him catch his breath. O

God, O God, O

God, if miracles can be, May he be

given back to me.
BLIND

God, who gave the world its fairness,
Swooning seas and ardent skies;
Fashioned it with every rapture
That could dazzle human eyes;
God, who gave me all of these,
Help me do without them, please.

Giver of the light and flowers,
Running stream and forest tree,
Help me through the heavy hours,
When I think what others see.
God, who took my sight away,
Help me do without it, pray.

THE COST

Take back the honour and the fame,
The victory we’ve won,
Take all the credit from my name,
If this can be undone,
Let him my friend that used to be,
Somehow be given back to me.

Don’t mock me with the pride of it,
The glory of his death,
I only know he sighed a bit -
I felt him catch his breath.
O God, if miracles can be,
May he be given back to me.

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