Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us Hymnal 1982 no. 559 Melody: Dulce carmen 8 7. 8 7. 8 7.



Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

o’er the world’s tempestuous sea;

guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,

for we have no help but thee,

yet possessing every blessing,

if our God our Father be.

Savior, breathe forgiveness o’er us;

all our weakness thou dost know;

thou didst tread this earth before us;

thou didst feel its keenest woe;

yet unfearing, persevering,

to thy passion thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,

fill our hearts with heavenly joy;

love with every passion blending

pleasure that can never cloy;

thus provided, pardoned, guided,

nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Music: Melody from *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782, adapted in the *Collection of Motetts or Antiphons*, c. 1840, harmonised by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)