

Mother's Counsel

Mary O. Page, 1894

Arranged from "The Old Oaken Bucket"

♩ = 75

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a time signature of 6/8. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 75. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with three verses. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line, providing a simple harmonic support for the vocal melody.

1. How oft 'mid the vi - sions of life's great com - mo - tion And
2. While lin - ger - ing fond - ly her prayer is as - cend - ing, And
3. How ma - ny a one in his hour of temp - ta - tion, Re -

mys - teries so strange that I oft - en ex - plore, I
'mid her pe - ti - tion she breathes forth my name; She
- mem - br'ring the prayer at his dear mo - ther's knee, Would

drift in my heart to the home of my child - hood And soft - ly I o - pen the
prays that the Spir - it, my foot - steps at - tend - ing, May give me a life that is
yield to its plead - ings with - out re - ser - va - tion, If on - ly its beau - ty his

latch of the door. I stand for a mo - ment with heart love con - sum - ing, For
free from all blame. Ah, that was my watch - word, and well did I heed it, For
poor heart could see. The Spir - it is will - ing, He's rea - dy to meet you, And

oh, there's a scene that I ne'er can for - get; My mo - ther, dear mo - ther, so
long have I trod in the path - way di - vine; My faith, tho' so fee - ble, her
bid all your sor - row and ang - uish de - part; Come, o - pen thy door, He is

Refrain



prayer-ful com - mun - ing— The text of her Bi - ble she's pon - der-ing yet.
 spir - it could feed it, And teach me the Gos - pel with "line up - on line." The
 rea - dy to greet you, And sweet-ly to dwell like a friend in your heart.



Gos - pel, dear Gos - pel, the God giv - en Gos - pel, It comes for the mill - ions— ac -



- cept it to - day.