The Lost Chord

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Moderately slow.

Piano.

Sostenuto

Seat-ed one day at the or-gan, I was

wea-ry and ill at ease; And my fin-gers wand-er’d i-dly

o-ver the nois-ey keys; I know not what I was play-ing, or

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what I was dreaming then, But I struck one chord of music, like the

sound of a great Amen, like the sound of a great Amen:

It

flooded the crimson twilight, like the close of an angel's Psalm, And it

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lay on my fe-ver'd spir-it, with a touch of in-fi-nite calm;

qui-et-ed pain and sor-row, like love o-ver-com-ing strife,

seem'd the har-mo-nious ech-o from our dis-cord-ant life;

link'd all per-plex-ed mean-ings in- to one per-fect peace, And
trembled away into silence, as if it were loth to cease; I have sought, but I seek it vainly, that one lost chord divine, Which came from the soul of the organ, and entered into mine. It may be that Death's bright angel, will
speak in that chord again, It may be that only in Heav’n I shall
hear that grand Amen. It may be that Death’s bright angel, will
speak in that chord again, It may be that only in Heav’n I shall
hear that grand Amen.
SEATED one day at the organ,
I was weary and ill at ease;
And my fingers wandered idly
Over the noisy keys;

I know not what I was playing,
Or what I was dreaming then,
But I struck one chord of music,
Like the sound of a great Amen.

It flooded the crimson twilight,
Like the close of an angel's Psalm,
And it lay on my fevered spirit,
With a touch of infinite calm;

It quieted pain sorrow,
Like love overcoming strife,
It seemed the harmonious echo
From our discordant life;

It linked all perplexed meanings
Into one perfect peace,
And trembled away into silence,
As if it were loth to cease;

I have sought, but I seek it vainly,
That one lost chord divine,
Which came from the soul of the organ,
And entered into mine.

It may be that Death's bright angel
Will speak in that chord again,
It may be that only in heaven
I shall hear that grand Amen!

This fine and well-known song presents no difficulties if it be rendered with religious fervor and clear diction. Let singer and accompanist observe all expression marks with due care and attention.