

Mother Life of Love Unfeigned

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My Mother, Edna Cottrell Barton, whose picture appears on the cover, has been a source of inspiration to all who knew her. Devoted to her family and her church, she lived a life of service and love unfeigned.

An outstanding teacher, she influenced the lives of many, because each individual was important to her. She was an example worthy of emulation-courageous, independent, helpful, understanding, undaunted by difficulties, steadfast to the high ideals and principles which guided her life, and full of unbounded faith and love for The Savior.

The words for this song were written while she was still alive, but the music was not composed until after her death on December 11, 1977.

--Ruth B. Gatrell

Mother, life of love unfeigned, 'Tis she who from our birth is deigned To watch us, guide us, nourish us each day, And help us in God's narrow path to stay.

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She it is who's there to dry a tear, To soothe a hurt, to quiet every fear, To teach us, lead us, show the way to share Our love of life with others--let them know we care.

She takes the time to listen with her heart. She never fails to strive to do her part To love us, give us a home that's just like heaven, So in time we too can grow to be the Savior's leaven.

How wise she is, though not in worldly ways. Charity and goodness crown her all her days. Bless her, keep her; through trials she's ne'er complained. Oh Dearest Mother, life of love unfeigned.

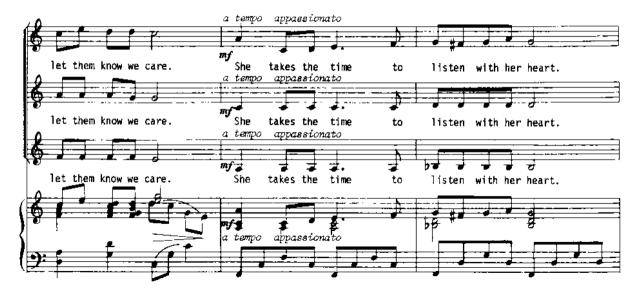
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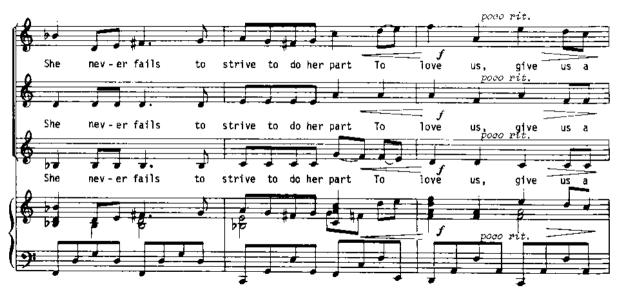
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