

Guardian of Truth

Alma Mater Song of
The Catholic University of America
Version for SATB Chorus

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Arrangement by Rosendo E. Santos, 1964

[Maestoso ♩ = 120]

Piano introduction in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The music features a steady accompaniment in both hands, starting with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The melody is primarily in the right hand, consisting of quarter and eighth notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Verse

5 [*mf*]

Al - ma Ma - ter, thee we hail; Guard - ian of truth.

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The first line of the verse begins at measure 5. The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand. The dynamic is mezzo-forte (*mf*). The lyrics are: "Al - ma Ma - ter, thee we hail; Guard - ian of truth."

9

Ours the love that can - not fail, Sun - shine of youth.

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The second line of the verse begins at measure 9. The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand. The lyrics are: "Ours the love that can - not fail, Sun - shine of youth."

13

Raise thy tow - ers to the skies; Gift - ed from a - bove;

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17

Be the light that nev - er dies, Ha - ven of love.

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21

Chorus

Al - ma Ma - ter, we be - hold thee loy - al sons and true.*

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25

Days of sun - shine e'er en - fold thee - C. U., C. U.!

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* Later changed to "sons and daughters true"