Fortunare Nos

Anthem for SATBrBB

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Fortunare nos discessuros, Deus Domine, precamur ut tibi placeat. Gratias accipe praeteritis pro bonis quae dedisti nobis. Omni da veniam confesso delicta sua. Tempus recuperent quodcumque perditum, nec post hac spiritum tuum angant, liberi tui.

- Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, Thanks for mercies past receive;
 Pardon all, their faults confessing;
 Time that's lost may all retrieve;
 May thy children
 Ne'er again thy Spirit grieve.
- Bless thou all our days of leisure;
 Help us selfish lures to flee;
 Sanctify our every pleasure;
 Pure and blameless may it be;
 May our gladness
 Draw us evermore to thee.

- 3. By thy kindly influence cherish
 All the good we here have gained;
 May all taint of evil perish
 By thy mightier power restrained;
 Seek we ever
 Knowledge pure and love unfeigned.
- 4. Let thy Father-hand be shielding
 All who here shall meet no more;
 May their seed-time past be yielding
 Year by year a richer store;
 Those returning,
 Make more faithful than before.

from a hymn by Henry J. Buckoll (1803-71) in *Psalms and Hymns for Rugby School Chapel*, 1850 The Latin words are a translation, presumably by Tranchell, of Verse 1

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