Hymn 67 5v with intro  
Lyrics G W Hangford  
Score St Anne

Speak gently, it is better by far  
to rule by love than fear;  
speak gently, let no harsh word mar  
the good we may do here.

Speak gently to the young, for they  
will have enough to bear;  
pass through this life as best they may  
tis full of anxious care.

Speak to the aged one  
grieve not the careworn heart  
the sand of life are nearly run  
let them in peace depart.

Speak gently to the erring ones  
they must have toiled in vain;  
perchance unkindness made them so  
O win them back again.

Speak gently .. tis a little thing  
dropped in the hearts deep well;  
the good the joy that it may bring  
eternity shall tell.