

Hands Are Holding Rust

SATB

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1 Hands are hold - ing rust, that had been pre - cious gold.
2 Hands hold rag - ged thread, that had been cost - ly clothes.
3 Eyes be - hold a grave, where ev - en ru - lers end.
4 Yet there is a heart, where all worth is held,
5 Nev - er bought or sold, the ho - ly love that chose

Coda

What is there to trust?
What more can be said?
Who is there can save? All shall be made well.
giv - ing loss no part.
hu - man life to mend.

Performance suggestions

- Stanza 1: Soprano, with others humming
- Stanza 2: Soprano, alto, with others humming
- Stanza 3: Soprano, alto, tenor, with bass humming
- Stanza 4, 5, Coda: SATB

Organ pedal may be played on stanza 5

Topics: Ash Wednesday, Death, Love (of God), Salvation, Trust
Scripture references: Psalm 146:3–4, Matthew 6:19–20, James 5:2–3

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