

Departing Friends CM

G Major. Isaac Watts, 1707

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1. Why do we mourn de - part - ing friends, Or shake at death's a - larms?

2. Are we not tend - ing up - ward too As fast as time can move?

3. Why should we trem - ble to con - vey Their bod - ies to the tomb?

'Tis but the voice that Je - sus sends To call them to his arms.

Nor would we wish the hours more slow To keep us from our love.

There the dear flesh of Je - sus lay, And left a long per - fume.