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# Spirit seeking light and beauty

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1857-1914

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*♩* = 48

*mp* *p*

Soprano  
*p* Spi - rit\_\_ seek - ing light and beau - ty, light\_\_ and

Alto  
*p* Spi - rit, seek - ing light,

Tenor  
*p* Spi - rit seek - ing light,

Bass  
*mp* Spi - rit\_\_ seek - ing light and

Piano  
(for rehearsal only)



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6 *mp*

S. beau - ty, seek - ing light, Heart that long - eth for thy

A. *mp* Spi - rit seek - ing light and beau - ty, seek - - ing

T. Spi - rit seek - ing light, and beau - ty,

B. *mp* beau - ty, Spi - rit seek - ing light and beau - ty.

Pno

11 *mf*

S. rest, Soul that ask - eth for un - der - stand - ing, that

A. *mp* light, Heart that long - eth for thy rest, thy rest, for

T. Heart that long - eth for rest, thy rest, rest, for

B. long - eth for thy rest, thy rest, for

Pno

rall..... a tempo *p*

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S. ask - eth for un - der - stand - ing, On - ly thus can ye be blest,

A. un - der - - stand - ing, On - ly thus can ye be blest,

T. un - der - - stand - ing,

B. un - der - - stand - ing,

Pno

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S. On - ly thus can ye be blest.

A. On - ly thus can ye be blest.

T. Thro' the vast - ness of cre - a - tion

B. Thro' the vast - ness of cre - a - tion

Pno

23

**rall..... a tempo**  
**p**

S. On - ly thus can ye be blest. **mp**

A. rest - less **mp**

T. Tho' your rest - less thought may roam, rest - less **mp**

B. Tho' your rest - less thought may roam, rest - less

Pno

27

**mf**

S. God is all that you can long for

A. thought may roam, God is all that you can long for

T. thought may roam. (m)

B. thought may roam, (m)

Pno

32 *mf* **poco rall.**.....

S. God is all his crea - tures' home,

A. God is all his crea - tures' home,

T. *mp* God is all, God is

B. *mp* God is all, God is

Pno

37 *p* **Tempo primo** *mp*

S. home. Taste and see him, feel and hear him,

A. home. Taste and see him, feel and hear him,

T. home. Taste and see him, feel and hear him,

B. home. Taste and see him, feel and hear him,

Pno

43 *mp* *mf*

S. Hope and grasp his un - seen hand; Tho' the

A. Hope, and grasp his un - seen

T. Hope and grasp his un - seen hand, and

B. and Hope, grasp his un - seen

Pno

**allarg.....**

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S. dark - ness seem to hide him, the dark - ness seem to hide him, Faith and

A. hand, his hand, grasp his hand; Faith and

T. grasp his hand, grasp his hand;

B. hand, his hand, grasp his hand;

Pno

**a tempo**  
*f*

S. love, \_\_\_\_\_ can un - der stand. \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_

A. love \_\_\_\_\_ can un - der - stand. \_\_\_\_\_

T. *f* love \_\_\_\_\_ can un - der - stand. \_\_\_\_\_ *mp* God, \_\_\_\_\_

B. *f* Faith \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ love can un - - - der - stand. \_\_\_\_\_ *mp* God, \_\_\_\_\_

Pno

**tempo primo**  
*mf*

S. God, \_\_\_\_\_ God who lov - est all \_\_\_\_\_ thy crea - tures, \_\_\_\_\_

A. *mf* God who lov - est all \_\_\_\_\_ thy crea - tures, \_\_\_\_\_

T. *p* \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ *mp* Lead us \_\_\_\_\_

B. *p* \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ *mp* Lead \_\_\_\_\_ us, \_\_\_\_\_

Pno

**poco stringendo**

*mf* *f*

S. *mf* *f*  
Lead us thro' the land, Lead us thro' the land,

A. *mf* *f*  
Lead us thro' the land, Lead us thro' the land,

T. *mf* *f*  
Lead us, Lead

B. *mf* *f*  
Lead us, Lead

Pno

**allarg.....broadly** *ff* **rall.....** **tempo primo**

S. *ff* *mp*  
Lead us thro' the land of beau - ty.

A. *ff* *mp*  
Lead us thro' the land of beau - ty. Lead us

T. *ff* *mp*  
us, Spi - rit of light and beau - ty, Lead us

B. *ff* *mp*  
us, Spi - rit seek - ing light and beau - ty. Lead us

Pno



72 *p*

S. To thy blest e - ter - ni - ty.

A. thro' the land, To thy blest e - ter - ni - ty.

T. thro' the land,

B. thro' the land,

Pno

*rall.*.....

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S.

A.

T. *mp* ten. Lead us thro' the land of sha - dows To thy blest e -

B. *mp* ten. Lead us thro' the land of sha - dows To thy blest e -

Pno