

For the choir of the First Mennonite Church, Sugarcreek, Ohio, Sue Jaberg, director.

Christmas Prayer

For SATB Choir and Keyboard

Wiley McDowell

DEBORAH GOVONOR

Flowing, ♩ = 92

mp

mp

mp

1 2 3

Detailed description: This system contains the first three measures of the piece. It features two vocal staves (Soprano and Bass) and a keyboard accompaniment. The vocal staves are mostly rests, with a single note 'O,' in the Soprano staff in the third measure. The keyboard accompaniment begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The bass line starts with a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Measure numbers 1, 2, and 3 are indicated below the keyboard staff.

let us see_ the spar - kle, and let us feel the

4 5 6

Detailed description: This system contains measures 4 through 6. The vocal staves have lyrics: 'let us see_ the spar - kle, and let us feel the'. The keyboard accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. Measure numbers 4, 5, and 6 are indicated below the keyboard staff.

glow. Please_ help us_ find the_ Christ - mas_ star a -

star a -

7 8 9

Detailed description: This system contains measures 7 through 9. The vocal staves have lyrics: 'glow. Please_ help us_ find the_ Christ - mas_ star a -' and 'star a -'. The keyboard accompaniment continues. Measure numbers 7, 8, and 9 are indicated below the keyboard staff.

* Excerpt from St. Louis by Lewis H. Redner (meas. 1-4).

bove the shop - worn snow; And let us hear the

10 11 12

cresc. music a - gain from up on high, Per -

cresc. *mf*

13 14 15

haps we'll catch the whisper of a ho - ly ba - by's

dim.

16 17 18

Altos mp

cry: A cry of great com - pas - sion that

19 20 21

one might sense and see, _____ to tell a great Cre -

Tenors

and see, _____ to tell a great Cre -

22 23 24

a - tor cares for _____ folk like you and me. *S*

A

As _____

T

a - tor cares for _____ folk like you and _____ me. *B*

25 26 27

love came down at Christ - mas one eve - ning long a -

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

28 29 30

go, May He live with - in our hearts, and

mf

mf

mf

31 32 33

may we feel the glow.

dim. e poco rit.

mp

dim. e poco rit.

mp

dim. e poco rit.

mp a tempo

34 35 36