

2 **This is the Hour of Banquet and of Song**

Communion Anthem for Mixed Voices (SATB) and Keyboard

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), alt.

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Reverently ♩ = 72

mf *dim.*

p *mf dim.*

11 SATB *p*
This is the hour of ban-quet and of song; _____

14 *cresc.* *mp*
- this is the heav'n-ly ta-ble set for me; _____

17 *mf*

- here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long

20 *dim.* *p*

- the brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.

24 SA *f*

TB

Too soon we rise; we go our

p *cresc.* *f*

27

mf

sev - 'ral ways; the feast, tho'

30

rit. e dim.

not the love, is past and gone,

mf *rit. e dim.*

33

unis. p slowly

More motion ♩ = 76

p

the bread and wine con - sumed: yet all our

unis. p slowly *p*

More motion ♩ = 76

p slowly

36 *cresc.*

days, yet all our days thou still art here with us, our

p

cresc.

39 *f*

shield and sun.

f

mp

43 *rit.* *unis. p*

Feast af - ter

unis.

rit. e dim.

Tempo I

46

feast thus comes and pass - es by, _____ yet, pass - ing,

Tempo I

p

49

points to the glad feast a - bove, _____ giv - ing us

cresc. *mf*

cresc. *mf*

52

fore-taste of the fes - tal joy, _____ the Lamb's great

dim. *unis. mp* *unis.*

dim. *mp*