

To Addison Noelle and Elias James Sorbel

God, Bless the Child

SATB

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Music by
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Tenderly, freely ♩ = ca. 76

Piano introduction in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The music is marked *mp* and features a gentle melody in the right hand and a simple accompaniment in the left hand.

Measures 4-6. Soprano and Alto (SA) enter with a whole note chord. Tenor and Bass (TB) enter with a half note chord. The music is marked *mp*.

Measures 4-6. Tenor and Bass (TB) enter with a half note chord. The music is marked *mp*.

Measures 7-9. Soprano and Alto (SA) sing: "God, bless the child — who learns to pray;". The music is marked *mp*.

Measures 7-9. Tenor and Bass (TB) sing: "God, bless the child — who yearns to pray;". The music is marked *mp*.

*If this anthem is sung at the dedication of a single child, all of the gender specific pronouns (i.e. his/her, him/her, he/she) may be altered to suit the occasion.

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by her side; God, bless the child. God, God, bless the child.

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bless the child who's pure in heart; God, God, bless the child who's pure in heart;

15

bless the child, hold him a - part; warm mel. God, bless the child, hold him and warm

17

her with love, warm from a-bove; God, bless the child.

20

mf

Give her the gift of won-der.

mf

23

mf

Give her the gift of

Give him the gift of time.

mf

faith and hope, and give him strength to climb, strength to

cresc.

cresc. e rit.

climb. God, bless the child — who learns to pray; — God,

f

f a tempo

bless the child — who yearns to pray; be

34 *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* *mp*

Thou his guide, walk by her side; — God, bless the child.

dim. poco a poco *mp*

dim. poco a poco *poco rit.* *mp*

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37 *mf*

Bless the child and let him grow strong

mf

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mf

40

with the best life can be-stow. Teach and pro-vide, stay

Teach and stay