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 "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow. . . So Great A Cloud"

The Mystery of Years

SATB with opt. Horn and Strings

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① Andante moderato ♩ = ca. 76

The musical score is written for SATB voices and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in 4/4 time, marked 'Andante moderato' with a tempo of approximately 76 beats per minute. The piano part features a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand, both marked 'espressivo' and 'mp'. The vocal parts enter at measure 4. The Soprano (SA) and Tenor (TB) parts have lyrics: 'Time, the ev - er - chang - ing sea - son; space, the lim - it of a man, cling - ing now to'. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line and a more active right hand. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and dynamic markings like 'mp'.

① indicates CD track number.

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11

frag - ile rea - son, lim - it - ed in scope and span;

14

mp *mf* sen - tence of the
fet - tered to a fi - nite place,

17

f *mp* hu - man race. Lord, we long to see Your face. De -

20 2

scend to us a - gain.

mp

23 *f* confidently

f These are all di - vine - ly wrought: the gal - ax - ies and

f confidently

26

spheres, the swift - ness of im - mor - tal thought, the

rit. *mp*

rit.

29 *a tempo*

mys-ter - y of years. *p*

Oh

mp *a tempo*

32 3

pp

35 *mf* *calmly*

As we seek Him, Je - sus is our ref - uge from the fall - en age;

mf *calmly*

39

mf

peace is with us 'mid the flam - ing cen - tu - ries of

42

mp

In - fi - nite, the

war and rage.

45

God we see, *mp* fram - er of e - ter - ni - ty;