

*In honor of Caralie Brown,
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Commissioned by Sylvia L. Cash*

God Breathed

Based on Genesis 1:2-7
and Psalm 33:6

Words and Music by
Pepper Choplin

With a sense of mystery $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the second staff is for the alto voice, the third staff is for the piano (pedals), and the bottom staff is for the basso continuo (bassoon or cello). The music is in common time with a key signature of two sharps. The vocal parts enter at measure 4, singing in unison. The piano part provides harmonic support, with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The basso continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes. The lyrics are integrated into the vocal parts, with the piano part providing harmonic support. The music ends with a final cadence.

With a sense of mystery $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$

4 *p mysteriously*

When all was dark and end - less night,

There was no en - er - gy or light.

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mf ————— *f* ————— *mf*

The u - ni-verse was con - ceived when God breathed.

mf ————— *f* ————— *mf*

f ————— *mf*

12 *rit.*

With more movement $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 66$

mp

God breathed and pla - nets whirled in

With more movement $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 66$

mp

rit.

14

space,

mf

The moon and stars were set in

mf

16

mf

and then the sun be - gan to

place,

18

f

blaze when God breathed.

f

Faster with sweeping motion $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 80$

20

rit.

f

breathed.

f

God breathed, God

Faster with sweeping motion $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 80$

mf rit.

f

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22 In the be - gin - ning, God____ breathed.
breathed,____ breathed,____ God____

24 and all crea - a - tion____ *mf*
breathed, cre - a - tion____ came to be.____ God *mf*

27 rit. *Tempo I* ♩ = ca. 66
breathed. God blessed the earth a-bun-dant-

rit. *Tempo I* ♩ = ca. 66

30

ly *mp* with liv - ing things to swim the
God blessed the earth a - bun - dant - ly

32

sea, and set all crea-tures run - ning
with liv - ing things to swim the sea,

34

f free, *mf* when God breathed,
f running free, *mf* when God