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With Thanksgiving

SATB with opt. Instrumental Ensemble

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① Reflectively ♩ = 63

gently *p* *mp*

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. It begins with a soft (*p*) dynamic and gradually increases to a mezzo-forte (*mp*) dynamic. The melody is gentle and reflective, with a tempo of 63 beats per minute.

4 SA *mp*
The morn-ing sun, the moon-lit night, the dis-tant

TB *mp*

The vocal parts (Soprano Alto and Tenor Bass) enter at measure 4. The lyrics are: "The morn-ing sun, the moon-lit night, the dis-tant". The dynamics are mezzo-forte (*mp*).

The piano accompaniment continues with a steady, reflective accompaniment, supporting the vocal lines.

7 *mf*
stars and the plan-ets shin-ing bright, I think of You, who said, "Let there be

mf

The vocal parts continue with the lyrics: "stars and the plan-ets shin-ing bright, I think of You, who said, 'Let there be'". The dynamics are mezzo-forte (*mf*).

The piano accompaniment continues with a steady, reflective accompaniment, supporting the vocal lines.

① indicates CD track number.

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10 *mp* *pressing forward* *poco rit.* *mp*

light” and I lift my eyes to You with thanks -

mp *mp*

pressing forward mp *poco rit.*

13 2 *mp* **With more motion** ♩ = 74

giv - ing. A spar-row’s song, a po-et’s

giv - ing. Song, a spar-row’s song,

With more motion ♩ = 74

mp *mp*

16 *mf*
 rhyme, the stir-ring mu-sic as the mel-o-dy will climb, a dis-tant
mf
 rhyme, a po-et's rhyme, mu-sic as the mel-o-dy will climb, a dis-tant

19 *mp* *pressing forward*
 bell slow-ly peal-ing out the time. I will lis-ten to the beau-ty of the
mp
mp *pressing forward*

22 *poco rit.* **3** *accel.* *mf*
 world with thanks - giv - ing. For
poco rit. *accel.*

As before ♩ = 66

mp

34

rit.
mf

Lord. I lift my thanks to You.

mf

mp

As before ♩ = 66

rit.
mf

mp

37

rit.

mp

a tempo

The whis-pered words of love I

mp

rit.

a tempo

pressing forward

poco rit.

40

mf

hear, the out-stretched arms that o-pen when I ap-pear, for all my

mf

pressing forward

poco rit.

mf

43 *a tempo* *mp* *gradual accel.* *mf*

friends and fam-'ly I hold dear, I will

friends and fam-'ly I hold dear, I will lift my heart to

a tempo *mp* *gradual accel.*

46 *mf* *poco rit.*

lift my heart to You to thank You, Lord for bless-ings

you. I will lift my heart to thank You, Lord for bless-ings

poco rit.

49 *f* *With more motion* ♩ = 74

now and bless-ings past, for cher-ished mo-ments that are rush-ing by too

f *With more motion* ♩ = 74

52

fast. To You, my God, whose love for - ev - er lasts, I will

55 *dim.* *mf* 6 *rit.*

lift_ my_ eyes_ to_ You I will lift_ my heart_ to_ You.

dim. *mf* *mp*

lift_ my eyes to_ You I will lift_ my heart_ to_ You with thanks-

mf *rit.*

59 As before ♩ = 66 *mp* *rit.* *p*

With thanks - giv - ing to You.

p

giv - ing to You.

As before ♩ = 66 *mp* *rit.* *p*

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