

dedicated to Betsy Kent

i thank You God

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Maestoso ♩ = c. 68

Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B) parts. The piano part consists of two staves: treble and bass.

Duration: 5:25

"i thank You God for most this amazing day"
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accel. *mp* *cresc.*

God. *i thank You God.*

God. *i thank You*

cresc.

God. *i thank You God.*

God. *i thank You*

accel. *8^{va}*

mp cresc.

God. *i thank You*

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i thank You God.

cresc.

God. *i thank You God.*

cresc. *i thank You God.*

God. *i thank You God.*

cresc. *i thank You God.*

God. *i thank You God.*

rit.

(8^{va})

8 Joyfully ♩ = c. 126

God.
God.
God.
God.

thank You God for
thank You God for

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Hallelujah

II

f

i thank You God for
f
i thank You God for
most this a - maz-ing day, i thank You God for
most this a - maz-ing day, i thank You God for

Sub-1

14

most this a - maz - ing day, for most this a - maz - ing,
most this a - maz - ing day,
most this a - maz - ing day, for most this a - maz - ing,
most this a - maz - ing day,

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most this a-maz - ing, most this a-maz - ing, most this a-maz - ing
most this a-maz - ing, most this a-maz - ing
most this a-maz - ing, most this a-maz - ing, most this a-maz - ing
most this a-maz - ing, most this a-maz - ing
most this a-maz - ing, most this a-maz - ing

20 *ff*

day, this day, a - maz - ing

ff

8th

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23 *mf*

day, for the leap - ing green - ly spir-its of trees

day, for the leap - ing green - ly spir-its of trees

day, for the leap - ing green - ly spir-its of trees

day, for the leap - ing green - ly spir-its of trees

ff

26

and a blue true dream of sky;

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and for ev' - ry - thing,

8th

8th

33

Poco meno mosso $\text{♩} = \text{c. 84}$

Poco meno mosso $\text{♩} = \text{c. 84}$

which is nat - 'ral which is in - fi-nite which is yes,
 which is nat - 'ral which is in - fi-nite which is yes, which...

which is nat - 'ral which is in - fi-nite which is yes,
 which is nat - 'ral which is in - fi-nite which is yes, ____

Poco meno mosso $\text{♩} = \text{c. 84}$

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is _____ yes, _____,
— is yes, which is yes,
yes, which is yes,
which is yes, — — —

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which is yes, _____ which is yes, which is
 which, which is yes, which is yes, which is
 which is yes, which is yes, which is
 which is yes, which is yes, is

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yes (i who have died am a - live a - gain to -)

yes (i who have died am a - live a - gain to -)

yes (i who have died am a - live gain to -)

yes (i who have died am a - live gain to -)

mf

48

day, i who have died am a - live a-gain to -
day, i am a - live a - gain to -
day, i am a - live a - gain to -
day, i am a - live a - gain to -

8^{va}

mp mf

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day, and this is the sun's, this is the sun's
day, and this is the sun's, this is the sun's
day, and this is the sun's, this is the sun's
day, and this is the sun's, this is the sun's

mf

54

birth - day, the birth - day of life and love, the
birth - day, the birth - day of life and love, the
birth - day, the birth - day of love, the
birth - day, the birth - day of love, the

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57 *cresc.*

birth - day of life and love _____ and wings: _____
cresc.
birth - day of life and love _____ and wings:
cresc.
birth - day of life and wings:
cresc.
birth - day of wings:
cresc.

62 *p*

and of the gay great hap-pen-ing il-lim-it - a - bly earth,

and of the gay great hap-pen-ing il-lim-it - a - bly earth,

and of the gay great hap-pen-ing il-lim-it - a - bly earth,

and of the gay great hap-pen-ing il-lim-it - a - bly earth,

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66 *cresc.*

Meno mosso $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 60$

mp sempre cresc. poco a poco

il - lim - it - a - bly earth) *cresc.* how should tast - ing touch - ing,

il - lim - it - a - bly earth) *cresc.* how should tast - ing touch - ing,

il - lim - it - a - bly earth) *cresc.* how should tast - ing,

il - lim - it - a - bly earth) *cresc.* how should tast - ing,

mp sempre cresc. poco a poco

mp sempre cresc. poco a poco

mp sempre cresc. poco a poco

Meno mosso $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 60$

69

how should hearing see-ing, how should tasting touch-ing,

how should hearing see-ing, how should tasting touch-ing,

8 how should hear - ing, how should touch - ing

how should hear - ing, how should touch - ing

mp sempre cresc. poco a poco

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71 Solo Soprano *mf*

Solo Soprano

Solo Tenor lift - ed, lift - ed from the

T

sim.

S A how should breath-ing an - y, how should tasting touch-ing,

T B *sim.* sim. see - ing breath - ing, how should tast - ing,

sim.

73

no, lift - ed, lift - ed from the
 (Solo Tenor) *mf*. lift - ed, lift - ed from the
 how should hear - ing see - ing, how should tast - ing touch - ing
 how should hear - ing, how should touch - ing

8^{ma}

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75 (Solo)

no, from the no of all
 (Solo)
 no,
 how should breath-ing an - y, how should tast - ing touch - ing
 see - ing breath - ing, how should tast - ing,
 (8^{ma})

77 (Solo)

noth - ing, — from the no ____ of all
 (Solo) — from the no ____ of all
 how ____ should hear - ing see - ing how ____ should tast - ing touch - ing
 how should hear - ing, how should touch - ing
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79 (Solo)

noth - ing, — noth - ing,
 (Solo) — noth - ing
 noth - ing, — noth -
 how ____ should breath-ing an - y how ____ should tast - ing touch - ing
 see - ing breath - ing, how should tast - ing,
 (3) (3) (3) (3) (3) (3)

81

noth - ing, noth - ing,
ing, noth - ing, noth - ing,
how _ should hear - ing see - ing
how _ should tast - ing touch - ing

how should hear - ing, how should touch - ing

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end solo //

83 (Solo)

(Solo) noth - ing, noth - ing,
ing, noth - ing, noth - ing.

f

rit. *f*

end solo //

how _ should breath - ing an - y,
how _ should breath - ing an - y,

see - ing breath - ing, breath - ing an - y

rit. *f*

f

8th 1

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85

Soprano (S) vocal line: hu - man mere - ly be - ing _____ doubt un - i - mag - in - a - ble You?

Alto (A) vocal line: hu - man mere - ly be - ing _____ doubt un - i - mag - in - a - ble You?

Tenor (T) vocal line: hu - man mere - ly be - ing _____ doubt un - i - mag - in - a - ble You?

Bass (B) vocal line: hu - man mere - ly be - ing _____ doubt un - i - mag - in - a - ble You?

Chorus (C) vocal line: - - - - -

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Choir I**Con mosso** $\text{♩} = \text{c. 86}$

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Soprano (S) $\text{G}^{\#}$
 Alto (A) $\text{G}^{\#}$
 Tenor (T) $\text{G}^{\#}$
 Bass (B) $\text{F}^{\#}$

(now the ears of my ears a-wake now the
 (now the ears of my ears a-wake now the
 (now the ears of my ears a-wake now the
 (now the ears of my ears a-wake now the

Choir II**Con mosso** $\text{♩} = \text{c. 86}$ **mp**

Soprano (S) $\text{G}^{\#}$
 Alto (A) $\text{G}^{\#}$
 Tenor (T) $\text{G}^{\#}$
 Bass (B) $\text{F}^{\#}$

(now the eyes of my eyes are o-pened,
 (now the eyes of my eyes are o-pened,
 (now the eyes of my eyes are o-pened,
 (now the eyes of my eyes are o-pened,

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Con mosso $\text{♩} = \text{c. 86}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Soprano (S)} \\ \text{Alto (A)} \\ \text{Tenor (T)} \\ \text{Bass (B)} \end{array} \right.$

$\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$
 $\text{F}^{\#}$ $\text{F}^{\#}$ $\text{F}^{\#}$ $\text{F}^{\#}$ $\text{F}^{\#}$ $\text{F}^{\#}$ $\text{F}^{\#}$
 D D D D D D D
 $\text{B}^{\#}$ $\text{B}^{\#}$ $\text{B}^{\#}$ $\text{B}^{\#}$ $\text{B}^{\#}$ $\text{B}^{\#}$ $\text{B}^{\#}$
 $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$

locos $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$ $\text{G}^{\#}$

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now the ears of my ears, ears a - wake, eyes are o-pened)

now the ears of my ears, ears a - wake, eyes are o-pened)

now the ears of my ears, ears a - wake, eyes are o-pened)

now the ears of my ears, ears a - wake, eyes are o-pened)

rit.

cresc.

f

cresc.

f

cresc.

f

cresc.

f

cresc.

rit.

96 Maestoso $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 68$

Soprano: i thank You God. i thank You
 Alto: i thank You God. i thank You
 Tenor: i thank You God. i thank You
 Bass: i thank You God. i thank You

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99 accel. *mp* cresc.

Soprano: God. i thank You God.
 Alto: God. - i thank you
 Tenor: God. i thank You God.
 Bass: God. - i thank you

(8^{va}) accel. *mp*

101

i thank You God.

cresc.

God. i thank You God.

cresc.

God. i thank You God.

(8th)

rit.

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103 a tempo

God. God. i

God. God. i

God. God. i

God. God. i

ff a tempo

ff

A musical score for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano. The key signature is A major (two sharps). The tempo is marked 106. The vocal parts sing "thank You God!" in a repeating pattern. The piano part features sustained notes and chords. The vocal entries are as follows:

- Measure 1: Soprano: thank, Alto: You, Tenor: God!
- Measure 2: Soprano: thank, Alto: You, Tenor: God!
- Measure 3: Soprano: thank, Alto: You, Tenor: God!
- Measure 4: Soprano: thank, Alto: You, Tenor: God!
- Measure 5: Soprano: - (rest), Alto: - (rest), Tenor: God!
- Measure 6: Soprano: - (rest), Alto: - (rest), Tenor: God!

The piano part consists of sustained notes and chords throughout the piece.

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