

Strengthen for Service

Anthem for SATB/ORGAN

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Based on Matthew 25 :31-46
Anon.
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Andante piacevole ♩ = 56

The first system consists of four staves. The top two staves are vocal lines, and the bottom two are piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked 'Andante piacevole' with a quarter note equal to 56 beats per minute. The music begins with a rest for the first three measures. In the fourth measure, the vocal lines enter with the lyrics 'and the right-eous shall say:'. The vocal notes are G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and accents (>) are used for emphasis.

Andante piacevole ♩ = 56

The second system consists of two staves, both for piano accompaniment. The key signature remains B-flat major and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is 'Andante piacevole' at 56 bpm. The music starts with a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *pp* (pianissimo). The system concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

5 *mf* Je - sus, your pre - sence here__ is real;

mf Je - sus, your pre - sence here__ is real;

mf you came a ser - vant on__ your knees.

mf you came a ser - vant on__ your knees.

mp

9 *cresc.* May we, your church now hum - bly kneel

cresc. May we, your church now hum - bly kneel

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cresc.

cresc.

13

and serve you in the least of these,

and serve you in the least of these,

and serve you in the least of these,

and serve you in the least of these,

17

mf and serve you in the least of these, Serve you in the least of these.

mf and serve you in the least of these, Serve you in the least of these.

mf and serve you in the least of these, Serve you in the least of these.

mf and serve you in the least of these, Serve you in the least of these.

22

mf (Giacoso)

O ma - ster, let me walk with thee in low-ly paths of ser-vice free;

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O ma - ster, let me walk with thee in low-ly paths of ser-vice free;.

Org. optional

28

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the strain of toil, the Fret of care.

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the strain of toil, the Fret of care.

tell thy se - cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the Fret of care.

tell thy se - cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the Fret of care.

mp

33

mf

Ah _____ Ah _____

mf

f Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win-ning word of love;

mf

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Org. Optional

38

Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____

8 teach me the way-ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way

Ah _____ Ah _____

mp

43

a bit slower

cresc.

Teach me thy pa-tience still with thee in clo-ser, dear-er

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Teach thy pa-tience still with thee in clo-ser, dear-er

Org. Optional

(dim.)

49

dim.

com - pa-ny, in work that keeps sweet faith so strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.

dim.

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dim.

com - pa-ny, in work that keeps sweet faith so strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.

dim.

com - pa-ny, in work that keeps sweet faith so strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.

54

Broadening

Ah

f

f

f

f

In hope that sends a

In hope that sends a

In hope that sends a

Broadening

mp

mf

mf (ma cresc.)

f

(man.)

(ped.)

60

Ah

Ah

shi - ning ray far down the fu - ture's broad-'ning way; in peace that on - ly thou cans't give with

shi - ning ray far down the fu - ture's broad-'ning way; in peace that on - ly thou cans't give with

shi - ning ray far down the fu - ture's broad-'ning way; in peace that on - ly thou cans't give with

65 *poco rit.*

thee, O Ma-ster let me live.

thee, O Ma-ster let me live.

thee, O Ma-ster let me live.

a tempo

mp

71 *mp espress.*

Je-sus, your pre-sence here is real; May we, your church now

Je-sus, your pre-sence here is real; May we, your church now

you came a ser vant on your knees.

you came a ser vant on your knees.

mp espress.

mp espress.

mp

mp

76

hum - bly kneel and serve you in the
 hum - bly kneel and serve you in the
 May we, your church now hum - bly kneel
 May we, your church now hum - bly kneel

80

least of these, and serve you in the least of these, *mf*
 least of these, and serve you in the least of these, *mf*
 and serve you in the least of these, and serve you in the least of these, *mf*
 and serve you in the least of these, and serve you in the least of these,

85

p poco rit.

Serve_ you in the least of these. Serve_ you in the least_ of

Serve_ you in the least of these. Serve_ you in the least_ of

Serve_ you in the least of these. Serve_ you in the least_ of

Serve_ you in the least of these. Serve_ you in the least_ of

89

these.

these.

these.

these.

a tempo

p

rit.

pp