

I. Help Us, O Lord

from Four Motets

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Slow

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Keyboard
(for rehearsal only)

Help us, help us O

humming

Slow

Keyboard (for rehearsal only)

5

Lord.

Help us, help us O

Help us, help us, help us Lord.

Help us, help us, help us Lord.

Lord. Help us, help us O

Help us, help us, help us Lord.

Help us, help us, help us Lord.

Musical score for measures 10-13. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lord. For with Thee is the fount of life. For with Thee is life. For with Thee is life. For with Thee is life." The dynamic marking *mf* is present above the vocal lines.

Musical score for measures 14-17. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "In Thy light shall we see light. Let us march and try our ways. In Thy light is light. Let us march and try our ways. In Thy light is light. Let us march and try our ways. In Thy light is light. Let us march and try our ways." The dynamic markings *pp* and *p* are present above the vocal lines.

18 *cresc.* - - - - - *f* *short*
Turn - to - God, turn - to - God, turn - to - God.
cresc. - - - - - *f*
Turn to God, turn to God, turn to God.
cresc. - - - - - *f*
Turn to God, turn to God, turn to God.
cresc. - - - - - *f*
Turn to God, turn to God, turn to God.

22 *pp*
Ah — Ah —
pp
Ah — Ah —
pp bring out
For with Thee is fount of life. — In Thy light shall we see light. —
pp
O Lord, O Lord,
pp

26 *p*

It is good that man should wait. — It is good that man should hope, —

It is good that man should wait. — It is good that man should hope, —

It is good that man should wait. — It is good that man should hope, —

O Lord, O Lord,

30

Ah —

O Lord *humming*

hope for the sal - va - tion of the Lord.

hope for the sal - va - tion of the Lord.

34 *p*

Help us, help-us - O - Lord.

p Help us, help us,

p Help us, help us,

39 *mp* *ppp*

Help us, help-us - O - Lord. Ah!

mp *ppp* Ah!

mp *ppp* Ah!

mp *ppp* Ah!

help us Lord. Ah!

mp *ppp* Ah!

help us Lord. Ah!

mp *ppp*

Duration: 2' 40"