

S.S.A. edition commissioned by the Casper Children's Chorale of Casper, Wyoming,
Marcia Patton, director, in memory of Kayla McQuade

A BLESSING

for 3-part mixed voices and piano,
with optional oboe*

Words ANONYMOUS, with additional
text by SHERRI PORTERFIELD

Music by
SHERRI PORTERFIELD (ASCAP)

Slowly, rubato

OBOE

mp

4

7 **8** Gently (♩ = ca. 58) *Oboe tacet to m. 28*

rit.

PART I *rit.* *mp* Gently (♩ = ca. 58)

PART II *rit.* *mp* May God grant you His grace to stand tall in the

PART III *rit.* *mp* May God grant you His grace to stand tall in the

7 **8** Gently (♩ = ca. 58)

rit. *mp*

Ped. Ped. *pedal simile throughout*

* Also available for S.A.T.B. (16322) and S.S.A. (16324). Oboe part on page 11.

10

sun - light, in the warmth of the sun. May He help you to

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mp

May He help you to

10

13

gradual cresc.

reach for a star and to see the world, to see our world with the

gradual cresc.

reach for a star and to see the world, to see our world with the

gradual cresc.

reach for a star, to see the world, to see our world,

13

gradual cresc.

16 *mf rit.* 18 *mp* A little faster (♩ = ca. 66-68)

eyes of ten - der - ness, with ten - der - ness.

eyes of ten - der - ness, ten - der - ness.

eyes of ten - der - ness, ten - der - ness.

16 *mf rit.* 18 *mp* A little faster (♩ = ca. 66-68)

19 *mf*

To love with o - pen - heart - ed - ness,

To love _____ with o - pen - heart - ed - ness, *And to

mf

And to

19 *cresc.* *mf*

* Part II may double Part III, if necessary through m. 23.

22

live by find-ing strength in peace, to speak the qui-et words of

live by find-ing strength in peace,

mf

25

and to learn to lis-ten to the joy that sur -

com - fort, and to learn to lis-ten to the joy that sur -

learn to lis-ten to the joy that sur -

mf gradual cresc. rit.

gradual cresc. rit.

mf gradual cresc. rit.

gradual cresc. rit.

Gently (♩ = ca. 58)

28 OBOE

a tempo

f a tempo

Gently (♩ = ca. 58)

mf

rounds you.

To be -

rounds you.

To be -

rounds you.

To be -

Gently (♩ = ca. 58)

28

f a tempo

8va

31

mf

lieve, be-lieve in the won - der, to be - lieve in the won - der of

lieve, be-lieve in the won - der, to be - lieve in the won - der of

lieve, be-lieve in the won - der, to be - lieve in the won - der of

31

mf

34

life, to be - lieve in the beau-ty of the u - ni-verse. To be -

life, to be - lieve in the beau - ty, u - ni-verse.

life, to be - lieve in the beau-ty of the u - ni-verse. To be -

34

37

gradual cresc. lieve, be-lieve, to be lieve, be-lieve in the dig - ni - ty of the

gradual cresc. To be - lieve, be - lieve, be-lieve in the dig - ni - ty,

gradual cresc. lieve, be-lieve, to be - lieve, be-lieve in the dig - ni - ty,

37

40

A little slower

slight rit.
slight rit.
mf A little slower
gradual rit. to end

hu - man be - ing.

slight rit.
mf A little slower
gradual rit. to end

hu - man be - ing.

slight rit.
mf A little slower
gradual rit. to end

hu - man be - ing.

40

A little slower

slight rit.
mf A little slower
gradual rit. to end

8vb

43

rubato
ppp

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ppp
8va

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a tempo *f*

32 *mf*

35 *gradual cresc.*

38 *f* A little slower

slight rit. *mf*

42 *gradual rit. to end* *rubato* *ppp*

* Another C instrument may be used but oboe is strongly recommended.