

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 S.S.A. 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.

SOPRANOS *rit.* *mp* **Gently (♩ = ca. 58)**

May God grant you His grace to stand tall in the

ALTOS *rit.* *mp*

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rit. *mp*

Ped. Ped. *pedal simile throughout*

* Also available for S.A.T.B., Level Five (16322) and 3-part mixed voices, Level Three (16323). Oboe part on page 8.

10

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

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13

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,

gradual cresc.

16

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

mf rit. *mp*

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

mf rit. *mp*

18 A little faster (♩ = ca. 66-68)

mf rit. *mp*

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

cresc. *mf*

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

mf

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

mf *gradual cresc.* *rit.* *gradual cresc.* *rit.*

Gently (♩ = ca. 58)

28 OBOE

a tempo

f

f a tempo

Gently (♩ = ca. 58)

mf

rounds you. To be -

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28

f a tempo

8va

Gently (♩ = ca. 58)

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

31

mf

34

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

37

gradual cresc. *f* dig - ni - ty of the

lieve, be-lieve to be - lieve, be-lieve in the dig - ni - ty

gradual cresc. *f*

To be-lieve, be - lieve, be-lieve in the dig - ni - ty,

37

gradual cresc. *f*

40 *A little slower*

slight rit. *mf* *gradual rit. to end*

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* *gradual rit. to end*

8vb

43 *rubato* *ppp*

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8va

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32 *mf*

35 *gradual cresc.*

38 *f* *slight rit.* *mf*

A little slower

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

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