

PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano
with optional SoundPax and SoundTrax CD*

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Freely, with great feeling (♩ = ca. 56)

PIANO

4 TENOR
BASS

Can you—

7

hear _____ the prayer of the chil-dren, _____ on bend - ed

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2 French Horns, Trumpet, Tuba, Harp, 2 Percussion, Piano, Violins 1 & 2, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass.

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Emp-ty

knee, _____ in the shad-ow of an un-known room? _____

eyes

mf

Eyes _____ with no more _____ tears to _____ ery _____ turn - ing

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

intensely

mf

Cry - in' Je - sus,
(who will)

intensely

mf

heav-en-ward _____ toward the _____ light.

15

f help me _____ to see the morn-in' light _____ of one more day. But if

f *mf*

17

rit. *mp* *a tempo* *mf*

I should die be-fore I wake, I pray my soul to take. Can you _____

mp *mf*

rit. *mp* *a tempo* *mf*

19

feel _____ the hearts of the chil - dren, _____ ach - ing for

f *mf*

21

home, _____ for some-thing of their ver - y _____ own? Reach-ing _____

23

hands _____ with noth-ing to hold on to, _____ but hope for a

25

bet - ter day, _____ a bet - ter _____ day. Cry - in' Je - sus, *intensely* (who will) *intensely*

27

f

help me _____ to feel the love a-gain_____ in my own land. But if

f

f

29 *rit. e decresc.* *slowly mp*

un - known roads lead a-way from home, give me

decesc. *mp*

rit. e decresc. *mp* *slowly*

31

lov - ing arms _____ a - way from harm.

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33 **Faster** (♩ = ca. 72)

mf

Woh _____ } lah dah dah *dohm

Woh _____ } lah dah dah *dohm

mf

Doo _____ lah dah dah *dohm

Faster (♩ = ca. 72)

mf

35

Slightly faster (♩ = ca. 80)

poco rit. *f*

lah dah lah dah *dohm _____ woh _____ doh _____ doh _____

Slightly faster (♩ = ca. 80)

poco rit. *f*

38

rit. *mf* *p*

dah _____ dah _____ dah _____ doh _____ Can you _____

6 *rit.* *mf* *p*

* Close to an "mm" sound.
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40 Tempo I

hear _____ the voice of the chil - dren, _____ soft - ly

Tempo I

42 plead - ing _____ for si - lence in their shat - tered world? _____ An - gry _____

p *mf* *f*

44 guns _____ preach a gos - pel full of _____ hate, _____ blood of the

mf *mf*



46 *mp* *intensely*
 in - no - cent — on their — hands. Cry - in' Je - sus,
mp *intensely* (who will)

mp

48 *ff* *f*
 help me — to feel the sun a - gain — up - on my face. For when

ff *f*

50 *rit. e decresc.* *a tempo* *p*
 dark - ness — clears I know you're near, bring - ing peace a - gain. — *Da - li —

decresc. *p*
rit. e decresc. *a tempo* *p*

* Dah-lee choo-yeh-tay sfeh dyay-chyay moh-leet-vay? (Croatian translation: Do you hear all the children's prayers?)

52

ču - je - te _____ sve dje - čje mo - lit - ve? _____

54

Can you hear the prayer of the chil -

56

dren?