The Greatest of These – The classic 1 Corinthians 13 scripture passage has been adapted by Tina English with soaring music in an exquisite setting from Jay Rouse. Give extra care to the subtle marked dynamic shaping of each phrase and many points within phrases to heighten the text and its message. The piece peaks in the section beginning at measure 29 (and again in measure 60), so carefully build up to those points and taper accordingly. Consider using one or more readers to recite 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 before the anthem is sung, so as to highlight the powerful message of the scripture, further underscoring the rich musical setting.

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THE GREATEST OF THESE

Words by
TINA ENGLISH (ASCAP)
Based on 1 Corinthians 13

Music by
TINA ENGLISH (ASCAP)
Arranged by
JAY ROUSE (ASCAP)

For my grandson, Ben

EXPRESSIVELY (q = ca. 90) + Cello

SOPRANO / ALTO

TENOR / BASS

If I speak with the tongues of men and
and angels, but have not love,

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Now all knowledge, have all faith, understand all mysteries. I am just noise.

If I have the gift of prophecy, and
or remove mountains, but have no

love, I am nothing.

If I give all I
have to feed the poor,

but have not love,

nothing is gained,

nothing is gained,

nothing is gained.
Love is patient; love is kind. Love does not brag; and is not arrogant.
Love is not proud, boastful.

Love does not seek its own.

Love is patient, kind.

Does not envy, does not boast.
Joices in the truth.

Love rejoices in the truth.

It keeps no record of wrongs.

Love bears all things; believes all things; hopes all things; endures all things.
Love hopes all things; endures all things; endures all things.

These three remain: faith, hope, and love;
But the greatest of these is love.
love.

- Cello

+ Cello

The greatest of these is love.