

BEFORE PRAYER

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Flowing ♩ = 60

The musical score is written for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Rehearsal Keyboard. The time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked 'Flowing ♩ = 60'. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major). The lyrics are: 'Be-fore we kneel, be-fore we bow and bend and search, search in the'. The Tenor and Bass parts have a dynamic marking of *p*. The Rehearsal Keyboard part has a dynamic marking of *p* and includes the instruction '(optional to m. 9)'. The score is marked with a large 'For rehearsal only' watermark.

5

S *p* Be - fore, _____ be - fore we

A *p* Be - fore, _____

T *pp* dark _____ for words of the heart... _____

B *pp* dark _____ for words of the heart... _____

Kybd.

11

S *mp* kneel, _____ be - fore we kneel, _____ be - fore we bow _____

A *mp* _____ be - fore we kneel, _____ be - fore we kneel, _____ be - fore we

T

B

Kybd.

16 *pp* *p*

S and bend, and ben(n)d, we bow and

A bow and bend, and ben(n)d, we bow, we bow and

T Be - fore we bow and bend, bow

B Be - fore we kneel, be - fore we bow and bend,

Kybd.

22 *cresc. poco a poco*

S bend and search, and search, search, search,

A bend and search, and search, search, search,

T and bend and search, search, search, search

B and bend and search, search, search, search

Kybd.

26 *mf*

S search in the dark for words of the heart, the heart... *mf* *p*

A search in the dark for words of the heart, the heart... *mf* *p*

T *mf* *p*

B in the dark for words of the heart, the heart... Ah, *mf* *p*

Kybd.

32 ♩ = 96; gently *p* *mp*

S the stars *p* *mp*

A Life - times a - go the stars *mp*

T Life - times a - go the stars *mp*

B life - times a - go the stars gave *p* *mp*

Kybd.

37 *p*

S gave you their kind - ness: like a hand to graze — your

A gave you their kind - ness: like a hand to graze your

T 8 gave you their kind - ness, their kind - ness: like a hand — to graze — your

B — their kind - ness, their kind - ness: like a hand to graze your

Kybd.

42 *mf*

S brow, — to raise — your head, — to lay you back and

A brow, — to raise your head, — to lay you back and

T 8 brow, — to raise your head, — to lay you back and

B brow, — to raise your head, — to lay you back and

Kybd.

46 *mp* *pp*

S wash your eyes clean. nn

A wash your eyes clean. nn

T wash your eyes clean. nn nn

B wash your eyes clean. nn Earth e -

Kybd.

51

S

A Earth e - ver turns,

T Earth e - ver turns, e - ver turns,

B - ver turns, e - ver turns, e - ver turns, turns,

Kybd.

57 *p*

S past fail - ure, ———— past ———— frost, ———— past sha -

A *(pp)*
earth ———— e - ver turns, ———— earth

T *(pp)*
earth ———— e - ver turns, ———— e - ver turns, ————

B *p*
past fail - ure, ———— past ———— frost, ———— past sha -

57

Kybd.

63

S dow and harm. ———— *mp* Ero - zen fields break, ————

A *p*
e - ver turns, ———— e - ver turns, earth e - ver

T *p*
e - ver turns, ———— e - ver turns, earth e - ver

B *mp*
dow and harm. ———— Fro - zen fields ———— break, ————

63

Kybd.

68

S
fro - zen fields break each spring,

A
turns, fields break each spring and are

T
turns, fields break each spring, are

B
fro - zen fields break each spring, are

Kybd.

74

S
blessed, blessed in rain, in dawn.

A
blessed, blessed in rain, in rain, in dawn.

T
blessed, blessed in rain, in rain, in dawn.

B
blessed, blessed in rain, in rain, in

Kybd.

cresc. poco a poco

mf

80 *mp*

S Ah, these stars, this

A Ah, these stars, this

T These stars, this

B dawn. Ah, these stars,

Kybd.

86 *p* ♩ = 48 (♩ = ♩)

S sun... Be - fore be - fore you

A sun... Be - fore, you

T sun... Be - fore,

B ah, this sun... Be - fore,

Kybd.

92

S Be - fore you bow and bend - see

A kneel and bow and bend - see

T be - fore you kneel and bow and bend - see

B and bow and bend - see

Kybd.

98

S all this light, see all this light, see

A see this light, see all this light,

T all this light, see all this light, see

B see this light, see all this light,

Kybd.

102

S
all this light, this light, this light.

A
mf see all this light, *f* this light.

T
8 all this light, this light, this light.

B
mf see all this light, *f* this light.

Kybd.

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