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GOD BLESS THE YOUNG FOLK




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God bless the young folk, they that seek and seldom find
And yet ceaselessly do seek some Truer, Better Thing.
These are they, O Lord, who open up the hidden ways,
For the ways of the young are wide,
And their souls hunger after God.

If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down.
There must be teachers, and teachers of teachers.

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Prayers for Dark People (1910)
and *The Talented Tenth* (1903)

by W. E. B. Du Bois

duration: c. 3:15

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$\text{♩} = 92$

mf

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

God bless the young folk, they that

mf

mf

mp

Piano

$\text{♩} = 92$

4

S
A
T
B

seek and sel-dom find and yet cease-less-ly — do seek some Tru-er, Better Thing. These are they, O Lord, who o-pen

Pno.

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8

S up the hid-den ways, For the ways of the young are wide, And their souls hun-ger af - ter God.

A up the hid-den ways, For the ways of the young are wide, And their souls hun-ger af - ter God.

T

B

Pno.

8

12

S

A

T *mf* God bless the young folk, they that

B *mf* God bless the young folk, they that

Pno. *mf* *mp*

15

S

A

T

B

8

seek and sel-dom find And yet cease-less-ly — do seek — some Tru-er, Bet-ter Thing. These are

seek and sel-dom find And yet cease-less-ly — do seek — some Tru-er, Bet-ter Thing. These are

Pno.

18

S

A

T

B

8

they, O Lord, who o-pen up the hid-den ways, For the ways of the young are wide, _____ And their

they, O Lord, who o-pen up the hid-den ways, For the ways of the young are wide, _____ And their

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22

S

A

T

B

8

souls hun-ger af - ter God. _____

souls hun-ger af - ter God. _____

p

If you do not lift them up, they will

22

Pno.

p

pp

sim.

p

26

S

A

T

B

8

pull you down. _____

p

If you do not lift them up, they will

26

Pno.

pp

f subito

p

30

S

A

T

B

Pno.

pull you down.

p

If you do not lift them up, they will

pp

f subito

p

sim.

34

S

A

T

B

Pno.

p

If you

If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you

pull you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down.

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37 *mp*

S do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you

A do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you

T 8 If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you

B If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you

Pno. *mp*

41 *mf* *mf*

S do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. There must be

A do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you

T 8 do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you

B do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you

Pno. *mf* *p*

45

S teach - ers, _____ and teach-ers of teach - ers, yes, teach - ers, _____ and teach-ers of teach - ers, yes,

A do not lift them up, they will pull _ you down. *mp* If you do not lift them up, they will pull _ you down. *mf* If you

T do not lift them up, they will pull you down. *mp* If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. *mf* There must be

B do not lift them up, they will pull _ you down. *mp* If you do not lift them up, they will pull _ you down. If you

Pno.

49

S teach - ers, _____ and teach-ers of teach - ers, yes, teach - ers, _____ and teach-ers of teach-ers, yes,

A do not lift them up, they will pull _ you down. *mf* If you do not lift them up, they will pull _ you down. Yes,

T teach - ers, _____ and teach-ers of teach - ers, yes, teach - ers, _____ and teach-ers of teach-ers, yes,

B do not lift them up, they will pull _ you down. *mf* If you do not lift them up, they will pull _ you down. Yes,

Pno.

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53 *cresc.* *fp cresc.* *ff*

S teach - ers, — teach - ers, teach - ers, — ah, — ah.

A *cresc.* *fp cresc.* *ff*

T *cresc.* *fp cresc.* *ff*

B *cresc.* *fp cresc.* *ff*

Pno. *cresc.* *fp cresc.* *ff*

58 *poco meno mosso* *f*

S — God bless the young folk, they that seek and sel-dom find And yet cease-less-ly — do seek some

A — God bless the young folk, they that seek and sel-dom find And yet cease-less-ly — do seek some

T *f*

B *f*

Pno. *poco meno mosso* *f*

62

S Tru-er, Bet-ter Thing. These are they, O Lord, who o-pen up the hid-den ways, For the ways of the young are wide,

A Tru-er, Bet-ter Thing. These are they, O Lord, who o-pen up the hid-den ways, For the ways of the young are wide,

T Tru-er, Bet-ter Thing. These are they, O Lord, who o-pen up the hid-den ways, For the ways of the young are wide,

B Tru-er, Bet-ter Thing. These are they, O Lord, who o-pen up the hid-den ways, For the ways of the young are wide,

Pno.

66

S *freely* *mf* And their souls hun - ger af - ter, _____

A *mf* And their souls hun - ger af - ter, _____

T *mf* And their souls hun - ger af - ter, _____

B *mf* And their souls hun - ger af - ter, _____

Pno. *freely* *mf* (optional improv)

a tempo

70 *f* *cresc.* *ff*

S their souls hun - ger af - ter God.

A their souls hun - ger af - ter God.

T their souls hun - ger af - ter God.

B their souls hun - ger af - ter God.

a tempo

70 (optional improv) *f* *cresc.* *ff*

Pno.