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# Notes Almost Divine

and other songs of rapturous praise  
inspired by texts from *The Sacred Harp* hymnal

for SATB Chorus *a cappella*

My Rising Sun  
Notes Almost Divine  
Never Turn Back  
Sweet Prospect  
On My Journey Home

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**Notes Almost Divine** is a collection of songs for *a cappella* choir inspired by texts from the American hymnal *The Sacred Harp* (1844). Many of these lyrics were written by 18th-century British hymnists, such as the well-known Isaac Watts. These words are charming and colorful, with imagery both genuine and musically evocative. A few examples follow:

*You are my soul's sweet morning star, You are my rising sun.*

*I'd soar and touch the Heavenly strings, and vie with Gabriel while he sings.*

*Oh, the transporting, rapturous scene that rises to my sight,  
Sweet fields arrayed in living green, and rivers of delight!*

These new musical settings enjoy the abundant opportunities for word painting which these texts provide. Perhaps the listener may hear the *sweet morning star* (first song) brought to life through delicate staccati (*sweet*) and lofty, suspended chord (*star*). And of course, the *rivers of delight* flow often through the raptuously *ebullient* refrains.

The musical language is sparse and straightforward, reflecting the legacy of the Early New England *Sacred Harp* hymns. However, the new approach to these songs comes with the joy of personal expression. Qualities of reverence, beauty, humor (!) and energy lie within the *almost divine* notes.

# Notes Almost Divine

*for SATB Chorus*

## 1. My Rising Sun

William Cowper (1731–1800)

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The musical score consists of five staves. The top four staves represent the SATB Chorus: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano staff begins with a dynamic **p** and a melodic line starting on G. The Alto staff follows with a similar melodic line. The Tenor staff begins at measure 8 with a dynamic **p**. The Bass staff begins with a dynamic **p**. The lyrics "My God, \_\_\_\_\_ my God, You move in mys - ter - i - ous ways Your" are repeated by each part. The fifth staff, labeled "Keyboard (for rehearsal only)", provides harmonic support with chords. Measure 1 starts with a dynamic **p**, followed by a melodic line. Measures 2-3 show a bass line. Measures 4-5 show a harmonic progression. Measure 6 begins with a dynamic **mf**. Measures 7-8 show a bass line. Measures 9-10 show a harmonic progression. Measure 11 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 12-13 show a bass line. Measures 14-15 show a harmonic progression. Measure 16 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 17-18 show a bass line. Measures 19-20 show a harmonic progression. Measure 21 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 22-23 show a bass line. Measures 24-25 show a harmonic progression. Measure 26 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 27-28 show a bass line. Measures 29-30 show a harmonic progression. Measure 31 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 32-33 show a bass line. Measures 34-35 show a harmonic progression. Measure 36 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 37-38 show a bass line. Measures 39-40 show a harmonic progression. Measure 41 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 42-43 show a bass line. Measures 44-45 show a harmonic progression. Measure 46 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 47-48 show a bass line. Measures 49-50 show a harmonic progression. Measure 51 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 52-53 show a bass line. Measures 54-55 show a harmonic progression. Measure 56 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 57-58 show a bass line. Measures 59-60 show a harmonic progression. Measure 61 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 62-63 show a bass line. Measures 64-65 show a harmonic progression. Measure 66 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 67-68 show a bass line. Measures 69-70 show a harmonic progression. Measure 71 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 72-73 show a bass line. Measures 74-75 show a harmonic progression. Measure 76 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 77-78 show a bass line. Measures 79-80 show a harmonic progression. Measure 81 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 82-83 show a bass line. Measures 84-85 show a harmonic progression. Measure 86 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 87-88 show a bass line. Measures 89-90 show a harmonic progression. Measure 91 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 92-93 show a bass line. Measures 94-95 show a harmonic progression. Measure 96 begins with a dynamic **mf cantabile**. Measures 97-98 show a bass line. Measures 99-100 show a harmonic progression.

5

S won - ders to per - form.

A won - ders to per - form.

T won - ders to per - form. You plant your foot - steps in the sea, and

B won - ders to per - form. You plant your foot - steps in the sea, and

9

**[B]**

S In dark - est night when You ap - pear my sor - rows will be

A In dark - est night when You ap - pear my sor - rows will be

T ride \_ up - on the storm. Hmm, hmm,

B ride \_ up - on the storm. Hmm, hmm,

**[B]**

18

Soprano (S): my sun. My God, *mf*

Alto (A): sun. My God,

Tenor (T): My God, *mf*

Bass (B): sun. My God, You

Piano: *mf*

Soprano (S): My God, You

22 **C**

*unis. p a light, joyous counterpoint*

S my ris-ing sun,  
A my ris-ing sun,  
T form the sin - ful man a - new, \_\_\_\_\_  
B sub - due the love of  
form the sin - ful man a - new, \_\_\_\_\_  
sub - due the love of \_\_\_\_\_

**C**

26

S my sun, my ris - ing sun,  
A my sun, my ris - ing sun,  
T sin; \_\_\_\_\_ You melt a-way the heart of stone  
B sin; \_\_\_\_\_ You melt a - way the heart of stone

30

S (p) my ris-ing sun, (p) my sun, my ris - ing sun. My  
A (p) my ris-ing sun, (p) my sun, my ris - ing sun.  
T 8 and plant Your grace with - in.  
B and plant Your grace with - in.

D God, rit. Slower  
34 unis.  
S My God, You unis.  
A My God, You  
T My God, You (f)  
B My God, You  
D f rit. My God, You Slower

38 **E** more reflectively , *mf* , *mp*

S come from Heaven our souls to save, in - fuse re-deem-ing blood, bids all our guilts and

A come from Heaven our souls to save, in - fuse re-deem-ing blood, bids all our guilts and

T unis. more reflectively , *mf* , *mp*

B come from Heaven our souls to save, in - fuse re-deem-ing blood, bids all our guilts and

more reflectively , *mf* , *mp*

**E**

{ S , *mf* , *mp* }

B , *mf* , *mp*

43 Slowly , *p*

S fears re - moved, leave us at peace with God, my God, my God, my

A fears re - moved, leave us at peace with God, my God, my God, my

T fears re - moved, leave us at peace with God, my God, my God, my

B unis. , *p*

fears re - moved, leave us at peace with God, my God.

Slowly , *p*

{ S , *p* , *p* }

B , *p* , *p*

*slight accel.* *mf* **F Slightly faster**

47

S God, my God, In dark - est night when You ap - pear my sor - rows will be

A God, my God, In dark - est night when You ap - pear my sor - rows will be

T God, my God, In dark - est night when You ap - pear my sor - rows will be

B — In dark - est night when You ap - pear my sor - rows will be

*slight accel.* **F Slightly faster**

51

*rit.* *gently* *f* *(f)* *a tempo*

S gone. You are my soul's sweet morn - ing star, You are my ris - ing

A gone. You are my soul's sweet morn - ing star, You are my ris - ing

T gone. You are my soul's sweet morn - ing star, You are my ris - ing

B gone. You are my soul's sweet morn - ing star, You are my ris - ing

*rit.* *f* *(f)* *a tempo*

55

S1 my God, rit. my God!

S2 sun. My God, my God!

A sun. My God, my God, my God!

T1 sun. My God, my God, my God!

T2 sun. My God, my God, my God!

B1 sun. My God, my God!

B2 sun. My God, my God!

*rit.*

2:10

# Notes Almost Divine

*for SATB Chorus*

## 2. Notes Almost Divine

Samuel Medley (1738–1799)

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*Slowly, as an introduction*

The musical score consists of eight staves. From top to bottom: Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass 1, and Bass 2. The first seven staves are in treble clef, while the last one is in bass clef. The key signature is two sharps. The time signature is 4/4. The vocal parts sing "Oh," followed by a comma. The keyboard part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. Measure numbers are present at the beginning of each staff.

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto 1

Alto 2

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bass 1

Bass 2

Keyboard  
(for  
rehearsal  
only)

*Slowly, as an introduction*

**A** ♩ = 132 with enthusiasm and rapture

5      unis.**f**

S      Oh, could I speak the match-less worth, \_\_\_\_\_      Oh, could I sound the

A      unis.**f**

Oh, could I speak the match-less worth, \_\_\_\_\_      Oh, could I sound the

T      unis.**f**

8      Oh, could I speak the match-less worth, \_\_\_\_\_      Oh, could I sound the

B      unis.**f**

Oh, could I speak the match-less worth, \_\_\_\_\_      Oh, could I sound the

**A** ♩ = 132 with enthusiasm and rapture

9

S      glo - ries forth, \_\_\_\_\_      which in my Sa - vior shine,

A      glo - ries forth, \_\_\_\_\_      which in my Sa - vior shine,

T      glo - ries forth, \_\_\_\_\_      which in my Sa - vior shine,

B      glo - ries forth, \_\_\_\_\_      which in my Sa - vior shine,

13

Soprano (S) vocal line starts with a eighth note followed by a fermata. The vocal line continues with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. A box labeled "B" is placed above the vocal line.

Alto (A) vocal line starts with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The vocal line continues with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics "I'd soar... Heaven - ly strings," are written below the vocal line.

Tenor (T) vocal line starts with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The vocal line continues with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics "I'd soar... Heaven - ly strings," are written below the vocal line. The dynamic "p" is indicated above the vocal line.

Bass (B) vocal line starts with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The vocal line continues with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics "Ah,... and" are written below the vocal line. The dynamic "p" is indicated above the vocal line.

The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are grouped together by a brace. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are grouped together by a brace.

**B**

I'd soar \_\_\_\_ and touch\_ the\_ Heaven - ly strings,

I'd soar... Heaven - ly strings,

Ah,... and

Ah,... and

**B**

16

Soprano (S) vocal line starts with a eighth note followed by a fermata. The vocal line continues with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics "di - vine," are written below the vocal line. The dynamic "unis." is indicated above the vocal line.

Alto (A) vocal line starts with a eighth note followed by a fermata. The vocal line continues with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics "di - vine," are written below the vocal line.

Tenor (T) vocal line starts with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The vocal line continues with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics "vie \_\_\_\_ with Ga - bri - el \_\_\_\_ while he sings in notes al - most di - vine," are written below the vocal line.

Bass (B) vocal line starts with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The vocal line continues with eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics "vie... \_\_\_\_ while he sings in notes al - most di - vine," are written below the vocal line.

The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are grouped together by a brace. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are grouped together by a brace.

unis.

di - vine,

di - vine,

vie \_\_\_\_ with Ga - bri - el \_\_\_\_ while he sings in notes al - most di - vine,

vie... \_\_\_\_ while he sings in notes al - most di - vine,

20

S and vie with Ga - bri - el while he sings in

A and vie... while he sings in

T Ah, in

B Ah, in

23

*unis.*

S notes, in notes, in notes al - most di - vine.

A notes, in notes, in notes al - most di... al - most di-vine, and al - most di-vine, and

T notes, in notes, in notes al - most di... al - most di-vine, and al - most di-vine, and

B notes, in notes, in notes al - most di... al - most di-vine, and al - most di-vine, and

27      *rit.*

Soprano (S) vocal line: A single note followed by a long, thin horizontal line under the staff.

Alto (A) vocal line: Six eighth notes followed by a fermata. The lyrics are "al - most di-vine, and al - most di-vine."

Tenor (T) vocal line: Six eighth notes followed by a fermata. The lyrics are "al - most di-vine, and al - most di-vine. Well, that de - light - ful day will come\_\_". The dynamic is *mf celebratory*.

Bass (B) vocal line: Six eighth notes followed by a fermata. The lyrics are "al - most di-vine, and al - most di-vine. Well, that de - light - ful day will come\_\_". The dynamic is *mf celebratory*.

C      *a tempo*

Soprano (S) vocal line: A single note followed by a long, thin horizontal line under the staff.

Alto (A) vocal line: A single note followed by a long, thin horizontal line under the staff.

Tenor (T) vocal line: A single note followed by a long, thin horizontal line under the staff.

Bass (B) vocal line: A single note followed by a long, thin horizontal line under the staff.

31

Soprano (S) vocal line: A single note followed by a long, thin horizontal line under the staff. The dynamic is *p*. The lyrics are "home...\_\_".

Alto (A) vocal line: Two eighth notes followed by a fermata. The dynamic is *p*. The lyrics are "come...\_\_".

Tenor (T) vocal line: Eight eighth notes followed by a fermata. The lyrics are "when my dear Lord will take me home\_\_ and".

Bass (B) vocal line: Eight eighth notes followed by a fermata. The lyrics are "when my dear Lord will take me home\_\_ and".

Soprano (S) vocal line: Two eighth notes followed by a fermata. The dynamic is *p*.

Alto (A) vocal line: A single note followed by a long, thin horizontal line under the staff.

Tenor (T) vocal line: A single note followed by a long, thin horizontal line under the staff.

Bass (B) vocal line: A single note followed by a long, thin horizontal line under the staff.

35

S - - - - Then \_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ my Sa - vior,-

A *mf* His face. *f* with my Sa - vior,-

T I shall see His face. *f* Ah,

B I shall see His face. *p* Ah,

*D*

{

S - - - -

A - - - -

T - - - -

B - - - -

39

S Broth - er, Friend His

A Broth - er, Friend His

T a blessed e - ter - ni - ty I will spend tri - um - phant in His

B a blessed e - ter - ni - ty I will spend tri - um - phant in His

*unis.*

{

S - - - -

A - - - -

T - - - -

B - - - -

43

S grace. A blessed e - ter - ni - ty

A grace. A blessed e - ter - ni - ty

T grace. A blessed e - ter - ni - ty

B grace. A blessed e - ter - ni - ty

B grace. A blessed e - ter - ni - ty

46

S I will spend, tri - um - phant in His

A I will spend, tri - um - phant in His

T I will spend, tri - um - phant in His

B I will spend tri - um - phant, tri - um - phant in His

B I will spend tri - um - phant, tri - um - phant in His

Start slowly,  
gradually gain energy

49 (f) rit. **p**, grace. \_\_\_\_\_

S1 (f) **p**, grace. \_\_\_\_\_

A1 (f) **p**, grace. \_\_\_\_\_

A2 (f) **p**, grace. \_\_\_\_\_

T1 (f), **p** grace. \_\_\_\_\_ The day will come, He will

T2 (f), **p** grace. \_\_\_\_\_ The day will come, He will

B1 *mf*, **p** grace. \_\_\_\_\_ The day will come, He will

B2 *mp* >, **p** grace.. The day will come, He will

Start slowly,  
gradually gain energy

*rit.* *dim.* **p**

54 **E**

S - - - - - and  
A - - - - - *mp*  
T - - - - - *mp* and  
B - - - - - *mf*  
B - - - - - *mf*

S - - - - - and  
A - - - - - with match - less worth His glo - ries forth, and  
T - - - - - take me home, with match - less worth His glo - ries forth, and  
B - - - - - take me home, with match - less worth His glo - ries forth, and  
B - - - - - **E** *mp* *mf*

57 **Faster**

S - - - - - Heaven - ly strings while Ga - bri - el sings a song to make my  
A - - - - - Heaven - ly strings while Ga - bri - el sings a song to make my  
T - - - - - Heaven - ly strings while Ga - bri - el sings a song to make my  
B - - - - - Heaven - ly strings while Ga - bri - el sings a song to make my  
**Faster**

S - - - - - Heaven - ly strings while Ga - bri - el sings a song to make my  
A - - - - - Heaven - ly strings while Ga - bri - el sings a song to make my  
T - - - - - Heaven - ly strings while Ga - bri - el sings a song to make my  
B - - - - - Heaven - ly strings while Ga - bri - el sings a song to make my

10

*rit.**ecstatic*

60

*a tempo (♩ = 132)*

(f)

al - most di -

**p**

vine,

S

Sa - vior shine, in notes \_\_\_\_\_ al - most di... al - most di-vine, and

*ecstatic*

&gt; &gt; &gt;

unis. (f)

**p**

A

Sa - vior shine, in notes, in notes al - most di... al - most di-vine, and

*ecstatic*

&gt; &gt; &gt;

(f)

**p**

T

Sa - vior shine, in notes al - most di... al - most di-vine, and

*ecstatic*

&gt; &gt; &gt;

unis. *mf***p**

B

Sa - vior shine, al - most di - vine,

*rit.**a tempo (♩ = 132)*
*rit.*

64

al - most di - vine, in notes al - most di - vine!

S

al - most di - vine, in notes al - most di - vine!

A

al - most di - vine, in notes al - most di - vine!

T

al - most di - vine, in notes al - most di - vine!

B

in notes al - most di - vine!

*rit.*
*cresc.*

2:10

# Notes Almost Divine

*for SATB Chorus*

### 3. Never Turn Back

Anonymous

Gwyneth Walker

**Steady tempo  $\text{♩} = 80$**   
*marching to Heaven*

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Keyboard  
 (for rehearsal only)

*p delicately*

*p delicately*

*p delicately*

*p delicately*

*p*

*mf*

When

Nev-er, Nev-er, Nev-er, Nev-er,

**Steady tempo  $\text{♩} = 80$**   
*marching to Heaven*

5 **A**

Soprano (S) vocal line:

to that bles - sed world I rise, *forcefully*  
I'll nev-er turn back an - y -

Alto (A) vocal line:

nev-er, nev-er, nev-er turn back, nev-er turn back an - y - *mf forcefully*

Tenor (T) vocal line:

nev-er, nev-er, nev-er turn back, nev-er turn back an - y - *mf forcefully*

Bass (B) vocal line:

nev-er, nev-er, nev-er turn back, nev-er turn back an - y - *mf forcefully*

Chorus (A) vocal line:

(Continuation of the vocal parts from the previous section.)

9 *(mf)*

Soprano (S) vocal line:

more; And join the an - thems in the skies, *p* I'll

Alto (A) vocal line:

more; nev-er, nev-er, nev-er turn back, *p*

Tenor (T) vocal line:

more; nev-er, nev-er, nev-er turn back, *p*

Bass (B) vocal line:

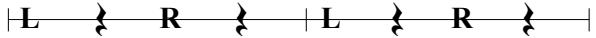
more; nev-er, nev-er, nev-er turn back, *p*

Chorus (A) vocal line:

(Continuation of the vocal parts from the previous section.)

**B**

[foot stomps, as if marching to Heaven]



*mf*

13

S A

nev - er turn back an - y - more. No more, no more, no more, my Lord:

*mf*

T B

nev - er turn back an - y - more. No more, no more, no more, my Lord:

*f forcefully*

[foot stomps]



*p*

17

S A

Nev - er turn back, I'll nev - er turn back. I'll sing to you in sweet ac - cord:

*p*

T B

Nev - er turn back, I'll nev - er turn back. I'll sing to you in sweet ac - cord:

*f*

> > > >

*p*

21

S A

nev - er turn back, I'll nev - er turn back, I'll nev - er turn back an - y -

*p*

T B

nev - er turn back, I'll nev - er turn back, I'll nev - er turn back an - y

*cresc. poco a poco*

> > > >

*cresc. poco a poco*

> > > >

24

Soprano (S) *f*  
more, \_\_\_\_\_

Alto (A) *f*  
more, \_\_\_\_\_ more.

Tenor (T) *f*  
more, \_\_\_\_\_ more. \_\_\_\_\_

Bass (B) *f*  
more, \_\_\_\_\_ more. \_\_\_\_\_

Piano (dim.)

28 **C**

Tenor (T) *p*. Nev-er, nev-er, nev-er, nev-er,

Bass (B) Nev-er, nev-er, nev-er, nev-er,

32 **D** *p lightly playfully*

Alto (A) Nev-er, nev-er, nev-er, nev-er, nev-er, nev-er, nev-er, nev-er, nev-er, nev-er,

Tenor (T) nev-er, nev-er, nev-er,

Bass (B) nev-er, nev-er, nev-er, nev-er, nev-er,

**D**

Piano *p*

35

**E** S2 *mp*

S2 Nev - er, nev - er, nev - er, nev - er,

A nev - er, nev - er,

T 8 nev - er, nev - er,

B nev - er, nev - er,

**E**

*simile*

38

**F** S1 *mf*

S1 Nev - er - more,

S2 nev - er, nev - er,

A nev - er, nev - er,

T 8 nev - er, nev - er,

B nev - er, nev - er,

**F**

41

S1 nev - er - more, nev - - - er - - more. No

S2 nev - er, nev - er, nev - er, nev - er, nev - er - more. No

A nev - er, nev - er - more. No

T nev - er, nev - er - more. No

B nev - er, nev - er, nev - er, nev - er, nev - er - more. No

**G**

[foot stomps]

44

S more, no more, no more, my Lord: nev-er turn back, I'll nev-er turn back. I'll

A more, no more, no more, my Lord: nev-er turn back, I'll nev-er turn back. I'll

T more, nev-er turn back, I'll nev-er turn back, I'll

B more, no more, no more, my Lord: nev-er turn back, I'll nev-er turn back, I'll

**G**

48 [foot stoms]

Song lyrics: sing to you in sweet accord. Never turn back an - y -

51 **H** *f*<sup>joyfully</sup>

Song lyrics: more. Soon I (ah) \_\_\_\_\_ nev - er turn back, no, I'll

A: Song lyrics: more. Soon I (ah) \_\_\_\_\_ nev - er turn back, no, I'll  
*smoothly, non dim.*

T: Song lyrics: more. Soon I will join the Heaven-ly choir:  
*f smoothly, non dim.*

B: Song lyrics: more. I will join the Heaven-ly choir:

Accompaniment: piano chords, dynamic markings (p, f), and a bass line.

55

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: "nev-er turn back... and sing to my heart's de - sire. Nev-er turn back, I'll". Dynamics: dynamic marking *f* above the staff.

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: "nev-er turn back... and sing to my heart's de - sire. Nev-er turn back, I'll".

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: "and sing and sing to my heart's de - sire! Nev-er turn back, I'll". Dynamic: *unis.*

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: "and sing and sing to my heart's de - sire! Nev-er turn back, I'll".

[foot stomps]



59

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: "nev - er turn back, I'll nev - er turn back an - y - more!". Dynamic: *cresc. al fine*.

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: "nev - er turn back, I'll nev - er turn back an - y - more!". Dynamic: *cresc. al fine*.

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: "nev - er turn back, I'll nev - er turn back an - y - more!". Dynamic: *cresc. al fine*.

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: "nev - er turn back, I'll nev - er turn back an - y - more!". Dynamic: *cresc. al fine*.

1:30

# Notes Almost Divine

*for SATB Chorus*

## 4. Sweet Prospect

Samuel Stennett (1727–1795)

Gwyneth Walker

[A] Reflectively  $\text{♩} = 108$

Mezzo Soprano Solo

Baritone Solo

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Keyboard (for rehearsal only)

1. On Jor - dan's\_ storm - y  
(2.) all those\_ wide ex -  
 Hmm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hmm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hmm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hmm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hmm \_\_\_\_\_

$\text{♩} = 88$

[A] Reflectively  $\text{♩} = 108$

4

Bar. Solo

banks I stand, and shines one

Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B)

*(p)*

*unis. (p)*

Hmm

Bass (B) piano

7

Bar. Solo

Ca-naan's fair God the Son and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions scat-ters night a-

Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B)

*(p)*

Hmm

Bass (B) piano

10 *mf* (*balance with Bar. Solo*)

MS Solo: to there Ca-naan's fair land, where  
Bar. Solo: lie, way, to there Ca-naan's fair land, where  
A: *Hmm*  
T: *Hmm*  
T: *Hmm*

13  $(\text{♪} = \text{♪})$

MS Solo: my pos-ses-sions lie.  
Bar. Solo: my pos-ses-sions lie.  
S: *Scat-ters night a-way.*  
A: *Scat-ters night a-way.*  
T: *Ah*  
T: *Hm*  
T: *Hmm*  
T:  $(\text{♪} = \text{♪})$

4

**B** ♩. = 72 in delight

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Soprano (S) 

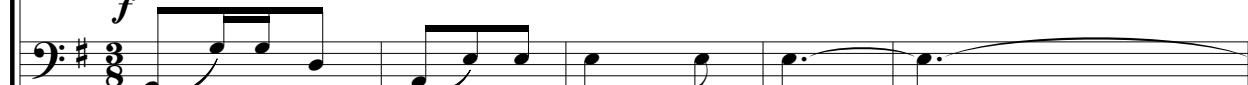
Oh, the trans - port - ing rap - turous scene \_\_\_\_\_

Alto (A) 

Oh, the trans - port - ing rap - turous scene la, la, la, la, la, la,

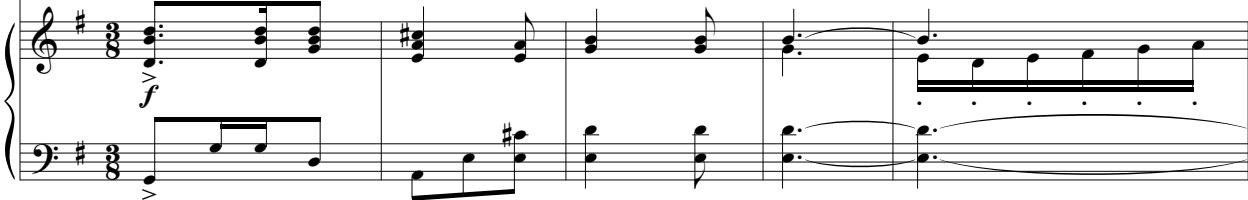
Tenor (T) 

Oh, the trans - port - ing rap - turous scene \_\_\_\_\_

Bass (B) 

Oh, the trans - port - ing rap - turous scene \_\_\_\_\_

**B** ♩. = 72 in delight



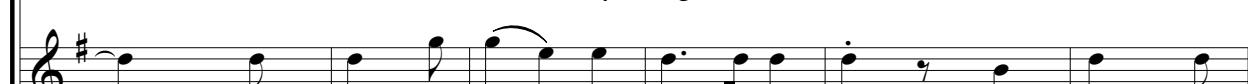
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Soprano (S) 

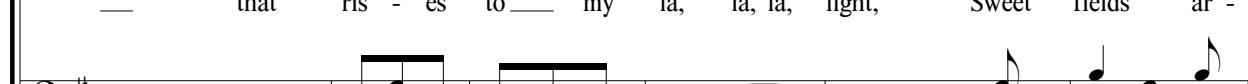
— that ris - es to my sight, \_\_\_\_\_

Alto (A) 

la, la, that ris - es to my sight, \_\_\_\_\_

Tenor (T) 

— that ris - es to my la, la, la, light, Sweet fields ar -

Bass (B) 

— that ris - es to my sight, \_\_\_\_\_ Sweet fields ar -



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S Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ and riv - ers \_\_\_\_\_

A Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ and riv - ers \_\_\_\_\_

T rayed in liv - ing green ah, \_\_\_\_\_ and riv - ers

B rayed\_ in liv - ing\_ green,\_ ah,\_ and\_ riv - ers

33

**C**

S of de - light \_\_\_\_\_

A of de - light \_\_\_\_\_

T of de - light, \_\_\_\_\_ and riv - ers of de - light, \_\_\_\_\_

B of\_ de - light, \_\_\_\_\_ and\_ riv - ers\_ of\_ de - light, \_\_\_\_\_

**C**

40

Bar. Solo

1. , *mf*

2. O'er —

S

A

T

B

light, \_\_\_\_\_ la, la, la, light.

1.

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

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[D] ♩ = 108 sternly, with conviction

46 2. Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B) *mf*

S light. 3. No chill - ing winds, or poi - sonous breath, can

A light. 3. No chill - ing winds, or poi - sonous breath, can

T light. 3. No unis. chill - ing winds, or poi - sonous breath, can

B light. 3. No unis. chill - ing winds, or poi - sonous breath,

[D] ♩ = 108 sternly, with conviction

2. (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) *p* *mf*

49 Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B) *p*

S reach that health - ful shore;

A reach that health - ful shore;

T reach that health - ful shore; Sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are

B shore; Sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are

(Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) *p*

8

*rit.*

**S** 53 *(p)* no more. Sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are —

**A** *(p)* no more. Sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are —

**T** felt and feared no more. Sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are

**B** felt and feared no more. Sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are

*unis.* *f* *a tempo* ( $\text{♩} = 108$ )

*rit.* *cresc.* *f* *a tempo* ( $\text{♩} = 108$ )

**S** 57 *(f)* *unis.*  $\text{♩} = 72$  in delight

**A** *unis. (f)*  $\text{♩} = 72$  in delight

**T** *unis. (f)*  $\text{♩} = 72$  in delight

**B** *unis. (f)*  $\text{♩} = 72$  in delight

**S** felt and feared no more, no more. Oh, the trans -

**A** felt and feared no more, no more. Oh, the trans -

**T** felt and feared no more. Oh, the trans -

**B** felt and feared no more. Oh, the trans -

$\text{♩} = 72$  in delight

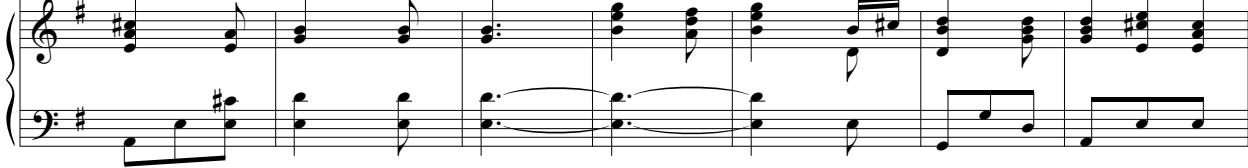
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S port - ing rap - turous scene, ah, \_\_\_\_\_ that ris - es to my

A port - ing rap - turous scene, ah, \_\_\_\_\_ that ris - es to my

T port - ing rap - turous scene \_\_\_\_\_ that ris - es to my

B port - ing rap - turous scene \_\_\_\_\_ that ris - es to my



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S sight, \_\_\_\_\_ Ah, \_\_\_\_\_

A sight, \_\_\_\_\_ Ah, \_\_\_\_\_

T la, la, la, light, Sweet fields ar - rayed in liv - ing green,

B sight, \_\_\_\_\_ Sweet fields ar - rayed in liv - ing green,



74

**F**

S and \_\_\_\_\_  
A and riv - ers of,  
T ah, and riv - ers of de - light, and  
B ah, and riv - ers of de - light, and

**F**

80

S riv - ers of de - light, la, la, la, light!  
A riv - ers of de - - - light, la, la, la, light!  
T riv - ers of de - light, la, la, la, light!  
B riv - ers of de - light, la, la, la, light!

**p**

2:20

# Notes Almost Divine

*for SATB Chorus*

## 5. On My Journey Home

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Gwyneth Walker

**A**

**Slowly, freely**

**Soprano**

**Moderate tempo**  $\text{♩} = 120$

*p*      *unis.*      *, mf*

Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ When I can read my ti - tle clear to \_\_

**Alto**

*p*      *, mf*

Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ When I can read my ti - tle clear to

**Tenor**

*p*      *, mf*

Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ When I can read my ti - tle clear to

**Bass**

*p*      *, mf*

Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ When I can read my ti - tle clear to

**Keyboard**  
*for rehearsal only*

**Slowly, freely**

**Moderate tempo**  $\text{♩} = 120$

*p*      *, mf*

2 5

S man - sions in the skies, I'll bid fare - well to ev - 'ry fear, and *unis.*

A man - sions in the skies, I'll bid fare - well to ev - 'ry fear, and

T man - sions in the skies, I'll bid fare - well to ev - 'ry fear,

B man - sions in the skies, I'll bid fare - well to ev - 'ry fear,

9

**B**

S wipe — my weep - ing eyes.

A *unis.*

T Ah, I'll bid fare - well to

B Ah, I'll bid fare - well to

**B**

12

S

*p a hint of rhythmic energy*

la, la, la, la, la,

A

*p a hint of rhythmic energy*

la, la, la, la, la,

T

ev - 'ry fear, and \_\_ wipe \_ my weep - ing eyes.

B

*unis.*

ev - 'ry fear, and wipe my weep - ing eyes.

15

S

*accel.*

la, la,

A

*f*

la, la,

T

*f*

I

B

*f*

I

*accel.*

*f*

**Refrain**

18 **C** Faster  $\text{d} = 76$

S A

*with energy and enthusiasm*

T B

feel like I'm on my jour - ney home. \_\_\_\_\_ I'm on my jour - ney

[foot stomps, as if walking to Heaven]

L R L R L R L R

[Chorus claps hands or taps legs, with excitement for the journey]

**C** Faster  $\text{d} = 76$

22 **D**

S A

la, la, la, la,

T B

home. I'll bid fare - well to ev - 'ry fear. \_\_\_\_\_ and -

L R L R L R L R

**D**

26

S A

T B

Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_ wipe \_ my weep - ing  
wipe \_ my weep - ing eyes.

L R L R L R |

*p* *f*

*p* *f*

29

S A

T B

eyes. \_\_\_\_\_ la, la, la, la, la, la,  
Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ la, la, la, la, Should\_

*rit.*

*p*

*(f)*

*p*

*mf*

[stop]

*rit.*

*p*

*mf*

33 [E] Moderate tempo ♩ = 120

Soprano (S) piano

Alto (A)

Tenor (T)

Bass (B)

Piano

Lyrics: earth a - gainst my\_ soul en - gage, \_\_\_\_\_ and\_ fi - ery\_darts be\_

[E] Moderate tempo ♩ = 120

37

Soprano (S) piano

Alto (A)

Tenor (T)

Bass (B)

Piano

Lyrics: hurled, \_\_\_\_\_ rage, \_\_\_\_\_  
hurled, \_\_\_\_\_ rage, \_\_\_\_\_  
hurled, then I can smile at Sa - tan's rage, \_\_\_\_\_ and\_ unis.  
hurled, then I can smile at Sa - tan's rage, \_\_\_\_\_ and

[F]

41                      *unis.* **p** ————— **f**

S                      Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ then I can smile at Sa - tan's  
A                      Ah, then I can smile at Sa - tan's  
T                      face\_ a frown - ing world.                      Ah,  
B                      face a frown - ing world.                      Ah,  
                            Sa - tan's\_

[F]

45                      *unis.* **mf**

S                      rage, \_\_\_\_\_ and face\_ a frown - ing world.  
A                      rage, \_\_\_\_\_ and face a frown - ing world.  
T                      rage, \_\_\_\_\_                      *unis. p* a hint of rhythmic energy  
B                      rage, \_\_\_\_\_                      la, la, la, la, la,  
                            *p* a hint of rhythmic energy  
                            *unis.* la, la, la, la, la,

## Refrain

## 51 [G] Faster $\text{d} = 76$

S A

*with energy and enthusiasm*

T B

feel like I'm on my jour - ney home. \_\_\_\_\_ I'm on my jour - ney

[foot stomps]

L { R { L { R { L { R { L { R {

[Claps or taps]

G Faster  $\sigma = 76$

A musical score for piano in 3/2 time, featuring two staves. The top staff is treble clef and the bottom staff is bass clef. Measure 1 starts with a half note in the bass, followed by eighth-note pairs in the treble and bass. Measure 2 begins with a half note in the bass, followed by eighth-note pairs in the treble and bass.



### Verse 3

**66 I Moderate tempo ♩ = 120**

S

A

T

B

**I** Moderate tempo ♩ = 120

A musical score for piano, showing two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time (indicated by '4'). Measure 11 starts with a forte dynamic (F) and consists of eighth-note chords in both staves. Measure 12 begins with a fermata over the first note of the treble staff, followed by eighth-note chords. The bass staff has a sustained note with a fermata.

70

S fall; if I but safe - ly reach my home, my \_ *with determination* unis.

A fall; if I but safe - ly reach my home, my *with determination*

*mf* *p*

T fall, my home, *mf*

*mf* *p*

B fall, my home, *mf*

74

S God, my Heaven, my ALL, *(mf)* I but reach my *(mf)*

A God, my Heaven, my ALL, Ah, I but reach my

*p* *mf*

T Ah, If I but soft - ly reach my

*p* *mf*

B Ah, If I but soft - ly reach my

J Ah, If I but soft - ly reach my

78

S home, la, cresc.  
 A home, la, cresc.  
 T home, my God, my Heaven, my ALL.  
 B home, my God, my Heaven, my ALL.

**Refrain**

accel.

82

S A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, Ah,  
 T I feel like I'm on my with energy and enthusiasm  
 B I feel like I'm on my [foot stoms] L R

**K Faster  $\text{d} = 76$**

**f**

**(f)**

**f**

**with energy and enthusiasm**

**accel.**

**K Faster  $\text{d} = 76$**

S A

jour - ney home, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm on my jour - ney home. I'll

T

jour - ney home, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm on my jour - ney home.

B

jour - ney home, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm on my jour - ney home.

L R L R L R L R L R

[Claps or taps]

S A

89

bid fare - well to ev - 'ry fear,

T

then I can smile at Sa - tan's rage if

B

then I can smile at Sa - tan's rage if

L L -

||: x x x x | x - :||

S A

bid fare - well to ev - 'ry fear,

T

then I can smile at Sa - tan's rage if

B

then I can smile at Sa - tan's rage if

L L -

||: x x x x | x - :||

14

*triumphantly*      *rit.*

Soprano (S) vocal line:

I but safe - ly reach my home, my God, my Heaven,

Alto (A) vocal line:

I but safe - ly reach my home, my

Tenor (T) vocal line:

I but safe - ly reach my home, my

Bass (B) vocal line:

I reach my home,

Unison (unis.) vocal line:

I but safe - ly reach my home, my

Dynamic: *L* Slowly, grandly *(f)*

Measure 93: *[stop]*

*triumphantly*      *rit.*

Soprano (S) vocal line:

I but safe - ly reach my home, my

Alto (A) vocal line:

I but safe - ly reach my home, my

Tenor (T) vocal line:

I but safe - ly reach my home, my

Bass (B) vocal line:

I but safe - ly reach my home, my

Unison (unis.) vocal line:

I but safe - ly reach my home, my

Dynamic: *L* Slowly, grandly *(f)*

97

100

rit.  
(**f**)

ALL! \_\_\_\_\_

unis. (**f**)

ALL! \_\_\_\_\_ ALL! \_\_\_\_\_

(**f**)

ALL! \_\_\_\_\_

unis. **ff**

ALL! \_\_\_\_\_

ALL! **ff**

rit.

Soprano (S)  
Alto (A)  
Tenor (T)  
Bass (B)

3:20 | Total: 11:30

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