

EW0018

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# GOD GIVES LOVE

acapella SSATB quintet

## Text

‘Dead Love’ (1907)

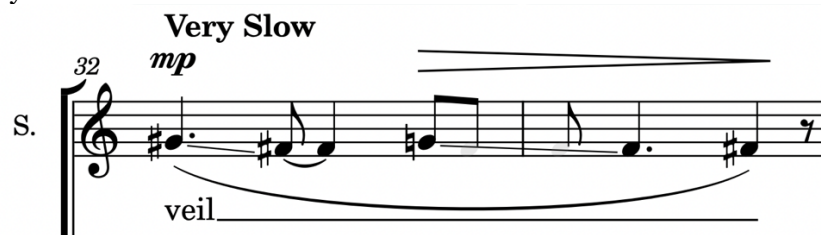
God let me listen to your voice,  
And look upon you for a space —  
And then he took your voice away,  
And dropped a veil before your face.  
God let me look within your eyes,  
And touch for once your clinging hand,  
And then he left me all alone,  
And took you to the Silent Land.  
I cannot weep, I cannot pray,  
My heart has very silent grown,  
I only watch how God gives love,  
And then leaves lovers all alone.

– Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

(performance time c. 4’30”)

## Notes

- Consonants in parentheses should be left off, both at the beginning of a word (e.g. S1&2 m.14) and at the end (e.g. S1&2, alto m. 35)
- Glissandi occur for the whole duration of the note that they begin on; when a note is tied, they occur for the duration of the last note in the tie chain; when they cross a barline, they are notated as shown below:



- These two glissandi have the same length (S1 m. 32)
- When glissandi are tied to a note in parentheses (e.g. 35), the singer should barely touch that note as the ending note – just enough to sound, but not to be lingered on
- At m. 68, S1, S2, and A should gradually brighten their tone (following the crescendo markings) to a stark, bright nasal tone at m. 73, then gradually darken it (following the decrescendo markings) to an ordinary tone the *pp* marking at m. 76
- Open circles above notes (e.g. bass m. 4) in the tenor and bass denote falsetto

for Dr. Beth Willer and the Peabody NEXT Ensemble, with gratitude

# God Gives Love

Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

after Monteverdi: 'Darà la Notte il Sol'

Ethan Watts (b. 2003)

**Distant** ♩ = 65

**Canto Soprano**

**Quinto Soprano**

**Alto Alto**

**Tenore Tenor**

**Basso Bass**

**Piano**

*for rehearsal only...*

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The musical score is written for a vocal ensemble and piano. It consists of six staves. The vocal parts are Canto Soprano, Quinto Soprano, Alto Alto, Tenore Tenor, and Basso Bass. The piano part is at the bottom. The tempo is marked 'Distant' with a quarter note equal to 65 beats per minute. The time signature is 4/4. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score includes dynamic markings such as *p*, *mp*, *pp*, *ppp*, and *mm*. There are also crescendo and decrescendo hairpins. The piano part includes a rehearsal mark 'for rehearsal only...'. A large diagonal watermark 'For Perusal Only - Not For Performance' is overlaid on the score.

Meditative  $\text{♩} = 75$   
*pp*  $\text{p}$

S. *p*  $\text{mf}$  *p* oh God let me

S. *p*  $\text{mf}$  *p* oh God let me

A. *p*  $\text{mf}$  *p* *pp* freely God let me

T. *p*  $\text{mf}$  *p* *ppp* under alto and bass God...

B. *p*  $\text{mf}$  *p* *pp* God...

Pno

The musical score is for the song 'God Gives Love'. It features five vocal parts: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.), and Piano (Pno). The tempo is marked 'Meditative' with a quarter note equal to 75 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into two systems. The first system starts with a measure number of 7. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'oh', 'God', and 'let me'. The piano part provides harmonic support. Dynamic markings include *p* (piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *pp* (pianissimo), and *ppp* (pianississimo). Performance instructions include 'freely' for the Alto part and 'under alto and bass' for the Tenor part. A large diagonal watermark 'For Perusal Only - Not For Performance' is overlaid on the page.

13

S. *p* *mf* *ritenuto* *p*  
lis - ten (G)od\_ let me\_ lis - ten let\_ me lis - ten to your voice,

S. *p* *mf* *p*  
lis - ten (G)od\_ let me\_ lis - ten let\_ me lis - ten to your voice,

A. *p* *mf* *p*  
lis - ten God\_ let\_ me\_ lis - ten let\_ me lis - ten to your voice,

T. *p*  
God...\_

B. *p*  
God...\_

Pno

The musical score is for the song 'God Gives Love'. It features five staves: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.), and Piano (Pno). The Soprano and Alto parts have lyrics: 'lis - ten (G)od\_ let me\_ lis - ten let\_ me lis - ten to your voice,'. The Alto part has a correction from '(G)od' to 'God'. The Tenor and Bass parts have the lyrics 'God...\_'. The Piano part provides accompaniment. Dynamic markings include *p* (piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *ritenuto* (rhythm slowing down). A rehearsal mark '13' is at the beginning of the Soprano staff.

18 **a tempo** *mf stark* *pp* *mf*

S. *mf stark* *pp* *mf*  
God... God let me

S. *mf stark* *pp* *mf*  
God... God let me

A. *mf* *mf*  
mm God let me look (G)od let me

T. *mp* *mf* *mf*  
and look God let me look (G)od let me

B. *mp* *mf* *mf*  
and look God let me look (G)od let me

Pno

The musical score is for a piece titled "God Gives Love". It is page 6 of the score, starting at measure 18. The tempo is marked "a tempo". The score is for five parts: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.), and Piano (Pno). The lyrics are: "God... God let me", "and look", "God let me look", and "(G)od let me". The dynamics are marked as *mf stark*, *pp*, *mf*, *mp*, and *mf*. The piano part has a large diagonal watermark "For Perusal Only - Not For Performance" overlaid on it.

23

S. *p* *mp*  
look up - on you\_\_\_ for a space— and then he took your

S. *p* *mp*  
look up - on you\_\_\_ for a space— and then he took your

A. *p* *mp*  
look up - on you\_\_\_ for a space— and then he took your

T. *p* *mf*  
look up - on you\_\_\_ for a space— and then he took your voice\_\_\_

B. *p* *mp*  
look up - on you\_\_\_ for a space— and then he took your

Pno

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28 *mf* *f* *mf* *rit.* *p*

S. voice your voice a - - way, and dropped dropped a

S. voice your voice a - - way, and dropped dropped a

A. voice your voice a - - way, and dropped dropped a

T. a - way, voice a - way, mm

B. voice voice a - way, and dropped dropped a

Pno



Very Slow

32

*mp* *pp*

S. veil be - fore your fa(ce).

*mp* *pp* \*

S. veil be - fore your fa(ce).

*mp* *pp* \*

A. veil be - fore your fa(ce).

*mp* *pp*

T. a veil be - fore your face.

*mp* *pp*

B. veil be - fore your face.

Pno

\* The singer should barely touch the note in parentheses as the ending note of the glissando – just enough to sound, but not to be lingered on.

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41

S. *mf* *f*  
eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and touch for once your cling - ing

S. *f*  
\_\_\_\_\_ for once your cling - ing hand, and

A. *f*  
\_\_\_\_\_ for once your cling - ing hand, and

T. *mf*  
and then \_\_\_\_\_

B. *mf* *f*  
eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and touch for once your cling - ing

Pno

45

*mf* *f* *mf*

S. — hand, and then he left, le(ft)

*mp freely*

S. then\_ he left me left me left me left\_ me all\_ a - lone,

*mp freely*

A. then\_ he left me left me left me left\_ me all\_ a - lone,

*p*

T. (nn)\_

*mf* *f* *mf*

B. — hand, and then he le(ft)

Pno

The musical score is for the song "God Gives Love". It features five parts: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.), and Piano (Pno). The score begins at measure 45. The Soprano part has lyrics: "hand, and then he left, le(ft)". The Alto and Bass parts have lyrics: "then\_ he left me left me left me left\_ me all\_ a - lone,". The Tenor part has a vocal line and a breath mark "(nn)". The Piano part provides harmonic support with chords and arpeggios. Dynamic markings include *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), *mp* (mezzo-piano), and *p* (piano). The tempo/mood marking is *mp freely*. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and a triplet in the Soprano part.

49

Moderate  $\text{♩} = 75$   
*mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

S. and took\_\_\_\_\_ you and took\_ you

S. *pp* all\_\_\_\_\_ a - lone, and took\_\_\_\_\_ you *mp cresc. poco a poco*

A. all\_\_\_\_\_ and took\_\_\_\_\_ you and took\_\_\_\_\_ you *mp cresc. poco a poco*

T. and took took you\_\_\_\_\_ to took you *mp cresc. poco a poco*

B. and took took you\_\_\_\_\_ to took you *mp cresc. poco a poco*

Pno

54

S. *mf* *f*  
to (G)od took you to the (G)od

S. *mf* *f*  
to (G)od took you to the God took you to the

A. *mf* *f*  
to God (G)od took you to the

T. *mf* *f*  
took you you to the

B. *f*  
took you to took you took you to the

Pno

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58

S. *mf* *p* *pp*  
you to to the

S. *mp* *p* *pp*  
took you to the

A. *mp* *mf* *p* *pp*  
took you you to to the

T. *mp* *mf* *p* *pp*  
took you oo to to the

B. *mp* *mf* *p* *pp*  
took you you to the

Pno

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64

S. *p* (closing to 'nn')  
si - - - lent lan(d). (nn)\_\_\_\_\_

S. *p* *pp* \*  
si - - - lent land.\_\_\_\_\_ mm\_\_\_\_\_

A. *p* (closing to 'nn') *pp* \*  
si - - - lent lan(d). (nn)\_\_\_\_\_ mm\_\_\_\_\_

T. *p* *mp*  
si - - - lent land. I

B. *p* *mp*  
si - - - lent land. I

Pno

\* S1, S2, and A should gradually brighten their tone (following the crescendo markings) to a stark, bright, nasal tone at m. 73, then gradually darken it (following the decrescendo markings) to an ordinary tone the *pp* marking at m. 76. Singers may choose to brighten to an 'ng' sound.

† Due to the nebulous rhythms and sliding pitches in the upper three parts, the piano reduction shows reference pitches for the singers in each measure, not necessarily in the exact places they fall



70 *p*\* *mf* *bright*

S. *mm* *mm* *mf* *bright*

S. *mm* *mm* *mf* *bright*

A. *mm* *mm* *mf* *bright*

T. can - not weep, I can - not pray,

B. *3* *3* can - not weep, I can - not pray,

Pno *3* *3*

The musical score is for a piece titled "God Gives Love". It is page 17 of the score. The score is written for Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.), and Piano (Pno). The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/8. The score begins at measure 70. The Soprano and Alto parts have dynamics of *p*\* and *mf* *bright*. The Tenor and Bass parts have lyrics: "can - not weep, I can - not pray,". The Piano part has triplets marked with a "3". A large diagonal watermark "For Perusal Only - Not For Performance" is overlaid on the page.

74

S. *pp*  
mm.

S. *pp*  
mm.

A. *pp* *p*  
mm. I on - ly watch how God gives

T. *mf* *p* *p*  
My heart has ve - ry si - - lent grown, I on - ly watch how God gives

B. *mf* *p* *p*  
My heart has ve - ry si - - lent grown. I on - ly watch how God gives

Pno

The musical score is for the song "God Gives Love". It features five parts: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.), and Piano (Pno). The Soprano and Alto parts begin at measure 74 with a piano (*pp*) dynamic and a mezzo-moroso (*mm.*) tempo. The Tenor and Bass parts enter at measure 8 with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The Piano accompaniment is present throughout. The lyrics are: "My heart has ve - ry si - - lent grown, I on - ly watch how God gives". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

79 *mp cresc.*

S. I on - ly watch how God gives love,

*mp cresc.*

S. I on - ly watch how God gives love,

*mp cresc.*

A. love, and then leaves lo - vers all a - lone. — I on - ly watch how God gives love,

*mp cresc.*

T. love, and then leaves lo - vers all a - lone. I on - ly watch how God gives love,

*mp cresc.*

B. love, and then leaves lo - vers all a - lone. I on - ly watch how God gives love,

Pno

84

S. *ff* *mf*  
gives love, gives love, \_\_\_\_\_ and then then \_\_\_\_\_

S. *ff* *mf*  
gives love, gives love, \_\_\_\_\_ and then then \_\_\_\_\_

A. *ff* *mf*  
gives love, gives love, \_\_\_\_\_ and then then \_\_\_\_\_

T. *ff* *mf* *p*  
gives love, gives love, \_\_\_\_\_ and then then (nn) \_\_\_\_\_  
(closing to 'nn')

B. *ff* *mf*  
gives love, gives love, \_\_\_\_\_ and then then \_\_\_\_\_

Pno

89

*mp* *p* (closing to 'nn') *pp*

S. and then leaves lo - vers all a - lone (nn).

*mp* *p*

S. and then leaves lo - vers all a - lone.

*mp* *p*

A. and then leaves lo - vers all a - lone.

(no slide) *mp* *mp* \*

T. and then leaves lo - vers all nn.

*mp* *p*

B. nn then leaves lo - vers all a - lone.

Pno

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Soli Deo Gloria

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