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Bahá'u'lláh, The Seven Valleys

# The Valley of True Poverty and Absolute Nothingness

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SOPRANO



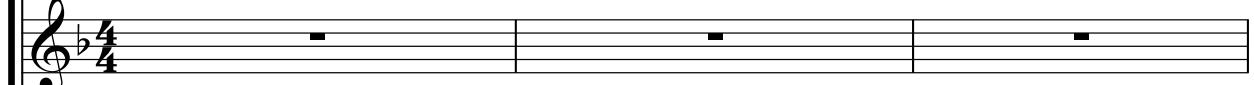
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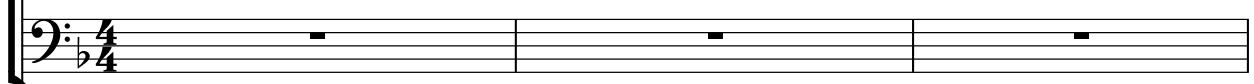


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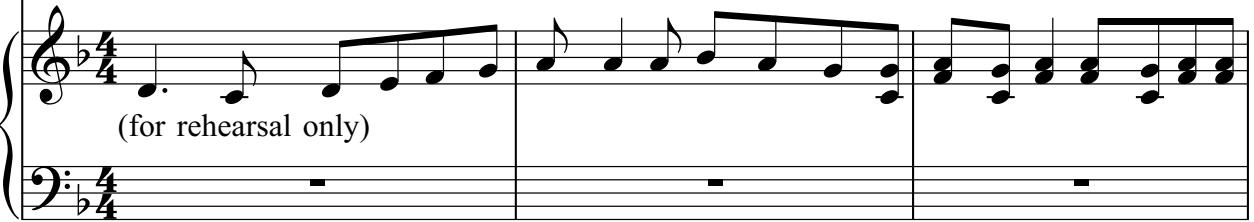
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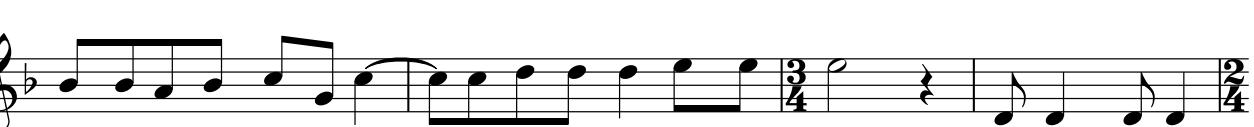
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PIANO



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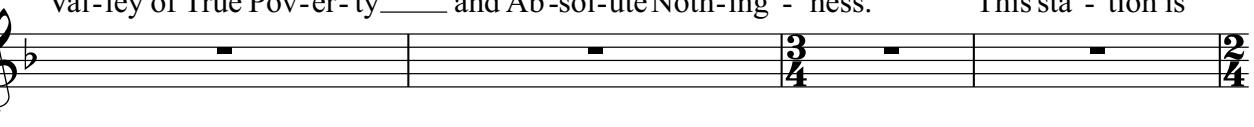
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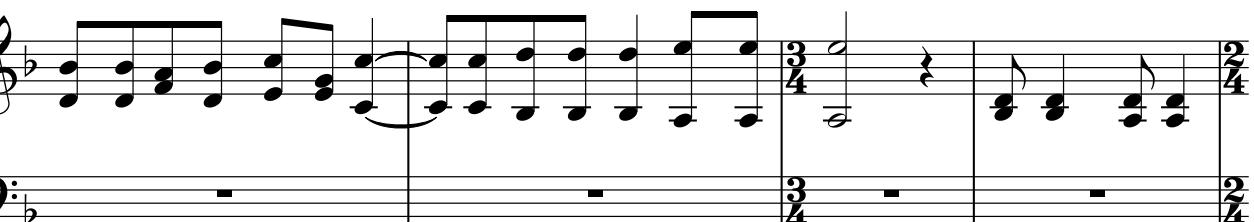


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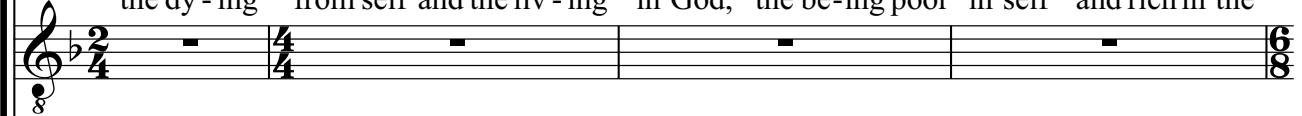
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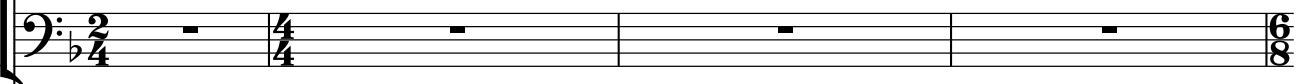


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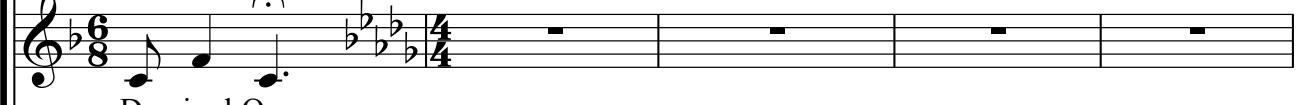
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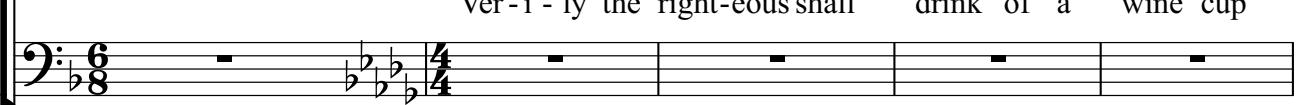
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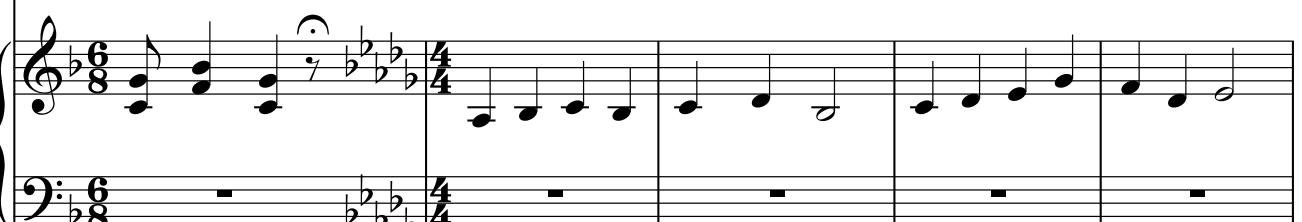
B. 



A. 

T. 

B. 



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17

S.

A.

T. 8 tem-pered at the cam- phor foun - tain. Ver - i - ly the right-eous shall

B.

Ver - i - ly the right-eous shall

23

S.

A.

T. 8 drink of a wine cup tem-pered at the cam - phor foun - tain. 5

B.

drink of a wine cup tem-pered at the cam - phor foun - tain. 5

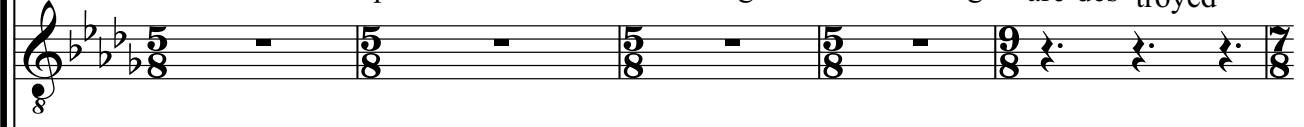
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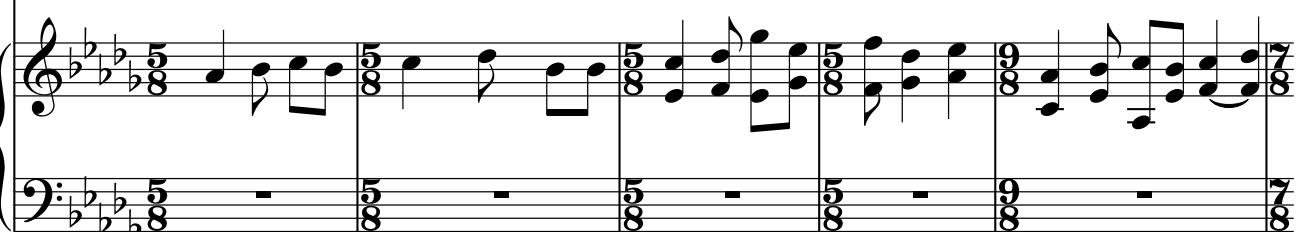
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A. 

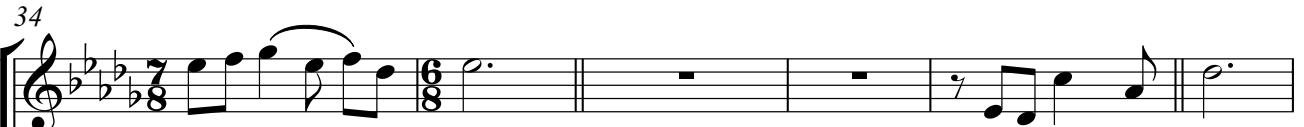
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T. 

B. 



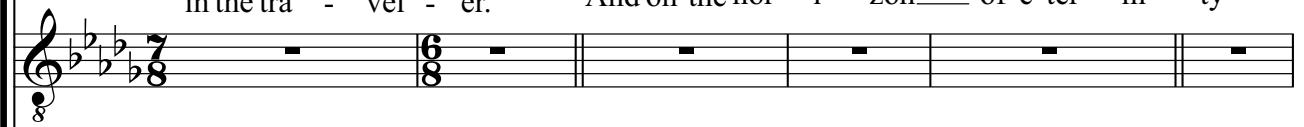
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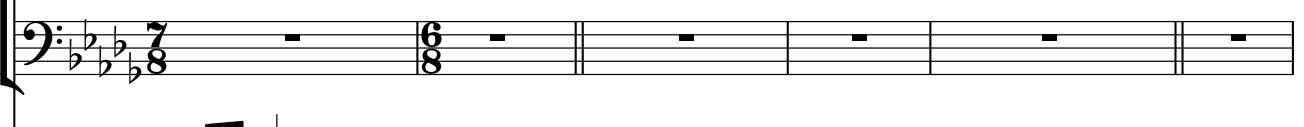
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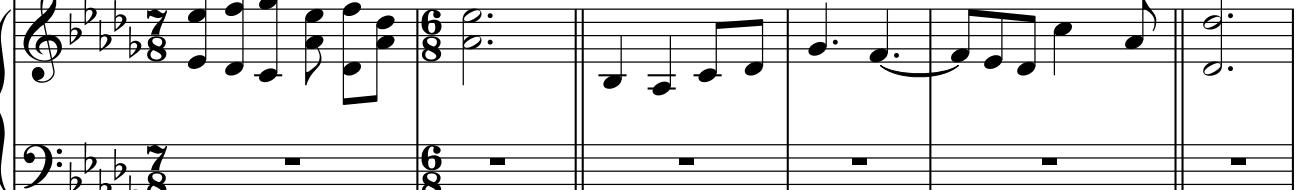
in the tra - vel - er. of e-ter - ni - ty

A. 

in the tra - vel - er. And on the hor - i - zon of e-ter - ni - ty

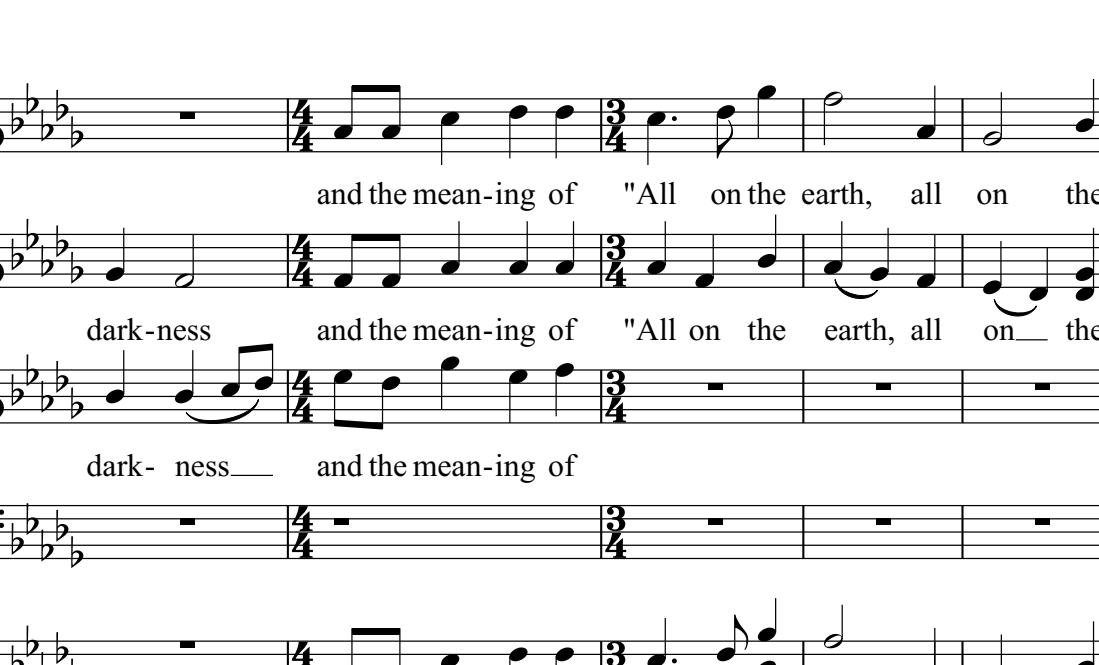
T. 

B. 



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S. 40 the Di-vine-Face  
A. the Di-vine Face\_\_\_\_\_  
T. ri - seth  
B.  


S. 45 and the mean-ing of "All on the earth, all on the earth,  
A. dark-ness and the mean-ing of "All on the earth, all on the earth,  
T. dark- ness\_\_\_\_ and the mean-ing of  
B.  


51

S. A. T. B.

all on the earth shall pass a-way but the face but the  
all on the earth shall pass a-way but the face but the  
all on the earth shall pass a-way but the face but the  
But the face, but the

57

S. A. T. B.

$\text{♩} = 90$

face of thy Lord. Lord! For when the true  
face of thy Lord. Lord! For when the true  
face of thy Lord is made man-i-fest. Lord! Lord! For when the true  
face of thy Lord is made man-i-fest. Lord! For when the true

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64

S. A. T. B.

lo-ver and de - vo - ted friend reach-eth to the pre-sence of the Be - lo- ved,

lo-ver and de - vo - ted friend reach-eth to the pre-sence of the Be - lo- ved,

8 lo-ver and de - vo - ted friend reach-eth to the pre-sence of the Be - lo- ved,

lo-ver and de - vo - ted friend reach-eth to the pre-sence of the Be - lo- ved,

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S. 70

A.

T.

B.

S. — the spark-ling beau-ty of the Lo-ved One and the fire of the lo-ver's heart will

A. — Ah and the fire Ah

T. — Ah and the fire Ah

B. — Ah and the fire Ah

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117

79

S. all he hath from heart to skin will be set a - flame (sopr. split)

A. all he hath from heart to skin will be set a - flame

T. 8 all he hath from heart to skin will be set a - flame

B. All he hath from heart to skin will be set a - flame,

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83

S. no\_\_\_\_ no no - thing will re - main  
thing\_ thing no-thing will re - main, no-thing will re - main save\_ the Friend.

A. (alto split) no -  
thing\_ no - thing will re - main, no - thing will re - main save\_

T. no - thing will re - main save\_

B. no - thing will re - main save\_

save\_

87

**B**

S. -

A. -

T. Friend!

B. Friend!

Now hast thou a-ban-doned the drop of life and come to the

90

S.

A.

T.

B.

This is the goal thou didst ask for if it be God's  
sea of the Life-Bes-tow- er.

93

S.

A.

T.

B.

In this ci - ty e-ven the veils of light are  
will, thou wilt gain it.

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96      rit.

S. His beauty hath no veil-ing save  
A. split a-sun-der and van-ish a - way.  
T. Oo  
B. Oo

99

S. light,  
A. His light, His face  
T. no co-ver-ing but rev - e-la-tion. His  
B. Ah

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121

103

S. rev - e - la- tion... Ec-sta-sy a-lone can en - com-pass this theme.

A. Ec-sta-sy a-lone can en - com-pass this theme.

T. Ec-sta-sy a - lone\_ can en - com - pass\_ this theme.

B. Ec-sta-sy a - lone can en - com - pass\_ this theme.

106

S. Ec-sta-sy a-lone can en - com-pass this theme. ec-sta - sy...

A. Ec-sta-sy a-lone can en - com-pass this theme. ec-sta - sy...

T. Ec-sta - sy a-lone can en-com-pass this theme. ec - sta sy....

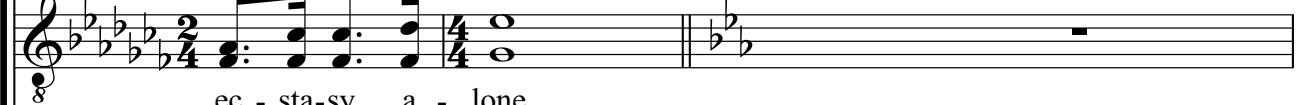
B. Ec-sta-sy a - lone Ec - sta-sy a-lone ec-sta - sy...

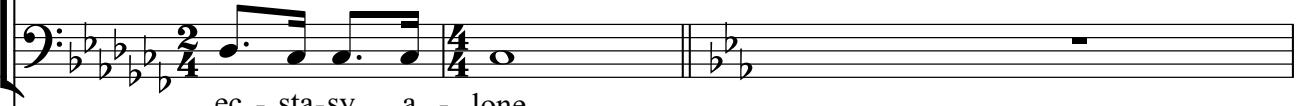
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S. 

A. 

T. 

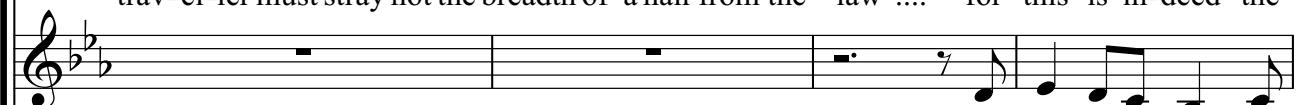
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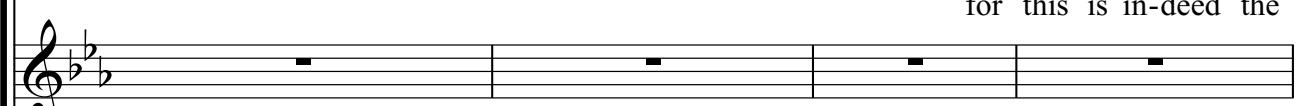
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In all these jour-neys the

112

S. 

A. 

T. 

B. 



116

S. sec-ret of the "path"and the fruit of the Tree of "Truth"; cling to the robe of o-

A. sec-ret of the "path"and the fruit of the Tree of "Truth"; cling to the robe of o-

T. clinging to the robe of o-

B.

120 rall.

S. bed - i - ence to the com - mand - ments. Hold fast the cord of

A. bed - i - ence to the com - mand - ments. Hold fast the cord of

T. bed - i - ence to the com - mand - ments. Hold fast the cord of

B.

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123

S. shun-ning all for - bid - den things,...be nour-ished from the cup of the

A. shun-ning all for - bid - den things,...be nour-ished from the cup of the

T. shun-ning all for - bid - den things,...be nour-ished from the cup of the

B.

The musical score consists of five staves. The top four staves represent the vocal parts: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.). The bottom staff represents the piano accompaniment. The vocal parts sing a continuous line of eighth notes. The piano part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. Measure 124 concludes with a fermata over the piano's right-hand notes.

125

S. Law and in-formed of the mys-ter - ies of truth.

A. Law and in-formed of the mys-ter - ies of truth.

T. Law and in-formed of the mys-ter - ies of truth.

B.

The musical score continues with the same four-part vocal arrangement and piano accompaniment. The vocal parts begin a new line of lyrics. The piano part maintains its harmonic function, providing a steady base for the voices. The score extends further, though the lyrics are not fully visible, suggesting a longer section of the piece.

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125

Spoken 128 = 90

These jour-neys have no vis-i-ble end-ing in the world of time but the sev-ered way-far-er -

Spoken 131 3

if in - vis-i-ble con-firm-a - tion des-cend u-pon him and the Guard i-an of the

Spoken 134 3

Cause as-sist him - may cross these sta-ges in sev-en steps, nay rath-er in sev-en

Spoken 137

breaths,nay rath-er in a sin - gle breath, if God will and de-sire it....

S. 140 D = 180

S. A. T. B.

Sa - lám, sa - lám sa - lám

Sa - lám sa - lám sa - lám

8

Spoken

The musical score consists of five staves. The top three staves are for spoken text, with measures 128, 131, and 134 indicated. The bottom two staves are for vocal parts: Soprano (S.) and Alto (A.). The Alto staff includes a '8' below the staff. Measure 140 begins with a dynamic 'D' and a tempo of 180. The vocal parts sing 'Sa - lám' in a repeating pattern. The score uses a mix of common time (4/4) and a 6/4 time signature. Measure 137 ends with a key change to 6/4. Measures 131 and 134 include a '3' above the staff, indicating a triplets grouping. Measure 128 starts with a double bar line and a 'H' symbol.

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143

S. sa - lám  
A. sa - lám  
T. - Sa - lám  
B. -

146

S. sa - lám sa - lám sa - lám Sa - lám, sa - lám sa - lám  
A. sa - lám sa - lám sa - lám Peace!  
T. sa - lám sa - lám sa - lám sa - lám Peace!  
B. sa - lám Peace!

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127

149

S. sa-lám sa-lám sa-lám Sa - lám sa-lám sa - lám sa - lám  
A. - - - - - - - -  
T. Sa-lám sa - lám sa - lám sa-lám sa-lám sa - lám  
B. Sa - - - lám

152

S. - - - - - - - -  
A. Sa - lám sa - lám  
T. sa - lám  
B. Sa - - - lám sa - lám sa - lám sa - lám sa - lám

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155

S. A. T. B.

1.

S. A. T. B.

157 2. *molto rit.*

S. A. T. B.

Peace! sa - lám sa - lám sa - lám Peace!

Peace! sa - lám sa - lám Peace!

Peace! (155)lám sa - lám Peace!

Peace! "sa'"(from measure 155) - lám Peace!

Salám!