

O Holy Lord

'Abdu'l-Bahá

music by
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Soprano

Solo $\text{♩} = 72$

mf O my Lord! — I have drawn nigh un - to Thee, in the

4

S. depths of this dark - some night, con - fi - ding in Thee with the tongue of my heart,

8

S. tremb - ling with joy at the sweet scents that blow from Thy realm, from Thy

11

S. realm, the All - Glo - ri - ous, call - ing un - to Thee say - ing:

15 $\text{♩} = 108$ **A** 1st time piano and solo voice, full choir and piano on repeat

S. O my Lord! — no words do I find to

A. O my Lord! — no words do I find to

T. O my Lord! — no words do I find to

B. O my Lord! — no words do I find to

$\text{♩} = 108$ **A** O my Lord! — no words do I find to

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21

S. glor - i - fy Thee, no way do I see for the bird of my mind to soar

A. glo - ri - fy Thee, no way do I see for the bird of my mind to soar

T. glo - ri - fy Thee, no way do I see for the bird of my mind to soar

B. glo - ri - fy Thee, no way do I see for the bird of my mind to soar

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27

S. up - ward, up - ward, up - ward to Thy King - dom, to Thy King - dom of Ho - li -

A. up - ward, up - ward, up - ward to Thy King - dom, to Thy King - dom of Ho - li -

T. up - ward, up - ward, up - ward to Thy King - dom, to Thy King - dom of Ho - li -

B. up - ward, up - ward, up - ward to Thy King - dom, to Thy King - dom of Ho - li -

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S. ness; King - dom to soar up - ward, up - ward up - ward to Thy

A. ness. King - dom to soar up - ward, up - ward, up - ward to Thy

T. 8 ness. King - dom up - ward, up - ward, up - ward to Thy

B. ness. King - dom up - ward, up - ward, up - ward to Thy

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2.

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S. King - dom, to Thy King - dom of Ho - li - ness; for

A. King - dom, to Thy King - dom of Ho - li - ness.

T. 8 King - dom, to Thy King - dom of Ho - li - ness.

B. King - dom, to Thy King - dom of Ho - li - ness.

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43 **B**

S. Thou in Thy ver - y es - sence, art sanc - ti - fied a - bove those tri - butes, and

A. art sanc - ti - fied a - bove those tri - butes, and

48

S. in Thy ver - y be - ing art be - yond the reach of those prais - es which are off - ered

A. in Thy ve - ry be - ing art be - yond the reach of those prais - es which are off - ered

52 rall. SATB

S. Thee by the peo - ple that Thou hast cre - a - ted. (Bass 8va lower) O

A. Thee by the peo - ple that Thou hast cre - a - ted. O

56 **C** A tempo

S. ho - ly Lord! O Lord of lov - ing kind - ness! We stray, we stray

A. ho - ly Lord! O Lord of lov - ing kind - ness! We stray, we

T. ho - ly Lord! O Lord of lov - ing kind - ness! We stray, we

B. ho - ly Lord! O Lord of lov - ing kind - ness! We stray, we stray, we

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61

S. 1. we stray a-bout Thy dwell - ing long - ing to be - hold to be - hold Thy

A. stray, we stray a-bout Thy dwell - ing long - ing to be - hold, to be - hold Thy

T. 8 stray, we stray a-bout Thy dwell - ing to be - hold Thy

B. stray, we stray a-bout Thy dwell - ing to be - hold Thy

Pno 1.

65

S. 1. Beau - ty, O dwell - ing and lov - ing all Thy ways lov - ing all Thy

A. Beau - ty, O dwell - ing lov - ing all Thy ways, lov - ing all Thy

T. 8 Beau - ty, O dwell - ing lov - ing all Thy

B. Beau - ty, O dwell - ing lov - ing all Thy

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69 **D**

S. ways.

A. ways.

T. ways.

B. ways. And lov-ing all Thy ways. We are hap-less, low-ly and of small ac-

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75 ♩ = 90

S. We are paup-ers: show us mer-cy give us boun-ty _____ We are boun-ty _____

A. count We are paup-ers: show us mer-cy give us boun-ty _____ We are boun-ty _____

T. count We are paup-ers: show us mer-cy give us boun-ty _____ We are boun-ty _____

B. count. We are paup-ers: show us mer-cy give us boun-ty _____ We are boun-ty _____

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81

S. look not u-pon our fail-ings, hide Thou our end-less sins.

A. look not u-pon our fail-ings, hide Thou our end-less sins.

T. Ah.... look not u-pon our fail-ings,

B. Ah.... look not u-pon our fail-ings,

Pno

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S. *cresc.* hide Thou our end-less sins, *rit.* hide Thou our end-less sins. *f* *mp* What-

A. hide Thou our end-less sins, hide Thou our end-less sins. What-

T. hide Thou our end-less sins, our end-less sins. What-

B. hide Thou our end-less sins, our end-less sins. What-

Pno *cresc.* *f* *mp*

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90 $\text{♩} = 72$
1: *mp*, 2: *mf*

S. e - ver we are, still are we Thine, (on repeat) and what we speak and

A. e - ver we are, still are we Thine, Oo

T. e - ver we are still are we Thine, Oo

B. e - ver we are still are we Thine Oo

Pno

95

S. *cresc.* 1. *mf* 2. *f* *cresc.*
hear is praise of Thee, and it is Thy face we seek, What face we seek, Thy path we fol - low

A. — is praise of Thee, and it is Thy face we seek, What face we seek, Thy path we fol - low

T. — is praise of Thee, and it is Thy face we seek, What face we seek, Thy path we fol - low

B. — is praise of Thee, and it is Thy face we seek, What face we seek, Thy path we fol - low

Pno *cresc.* 1. *mf* 2. *f* *cresc. e*

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F 100 *ff* *f* *decresc.*

S. Thou art the Lord of lov - ing kind - ness, lov - ing kind - ness, Thou art the

A. Thou art the Lord of lov - ing kind - ness, lov - ing kind - ness, Thou

T. Thou art Lord kind - ness, lov - ing kind - ness, — Thou

B. Thou art Lord kind - ness, lov - ing kind - ness, — Thou

Pno *ff* *f* *decresc.*

105 *rall.* *mp*

S. Lord of lov - ing kind - ness, we are sin - ners and a -

A. Lord of lov - ing kind - ness, we are sin - ners and a -

T. Lord kind - ness, we are sin - ners and a -

B. Lord kind - ness, we are sin - ners and a -

Pno *mp*

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S. *p* stray and far from home.

A. stray and far from home.

T. stray and far from home.

B. stray and far from home.

Pno *p*

113 **G** $\text{♩} = 120$ *mf*

S. Where - fore, O Cloud of Mer - cy, grant us some drops of rain.

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S. O Flow - er - ing Bed of grace, send forth a frag - rant breeze.

119 *accel.*

S. O Sea of all be - stow - als roll to - ward us a great

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122 - - - - -

f *A tempo*

S. wave. Roll to-ward us a great wave. O Sun of Boun-ty,

A. Roll to-ward us a great, Roll to-ward us a great wave. O Sun of Boun-ty

T. O Sun of Boun-ty

B. O Sun of Boun-ty

126

mp *cresc. accel.* - - -

S. send down a shaft of light. Grant us pi - ty, grant us

A. send down a shaft of light.

T. send down a shaft of light. Grant us pi - ty, grant us

B. send down a shaft of light.

128 - - - - -

ff

S. grace. Grant us pi - ty grant us grace

A. grant us pi - ty grant us, Grant us pi - ty grant us grace.

T. Grant us pi - ty grant us grace

B. Grant us pi - ty grant us grace

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131 **H** Briskly

A. *f* By Thy beau-ty, By Thy beaut-y, we come with no pro-

T. By Thy beau-ty, by Thy beau-ty, By Thy beaut-y, we come with no pro-

B. By Thy beau-ty, By Thy beaut-y, we come with no pro-

Pno *f*

138

S.

A. vi-sion but our sins, By Thy beau-ty, with no good deeds to tell of on-ly hopes.

T. vi-sion but our sins, By Thy beau-ty, with no good deeds to tell of on-ly hopes.

B. vi-sion but our sins, By Thy beau-ty, with no good deeds to tell of on-ly hopes.

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145

f 3

S. Un-less Thy con - ceal - ing veil doth co-ver us, and

A. By Thy beau-ty, we come with no pro - vi-sion but our sins, By Thy beau-ty, with

T. By Thy beau-ty, we come with no pro - vi-sion but our sins, By Thy beau-ty, with

B. By Thy beau-ty, we come with no pro - vi-sion but our sins, By Thy beau-ty, with

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S. Thy pro - tec - tion shield and cra - dle us, what pow - er have these

A. no good deeds to tell of on - ly hopes. *f* cra - dle us, what pow - er have these

T. no good deeds to tell of on - ly hopes. cra - dle us, what pow - er have these

B. no good deeds to tell of on - ly hopes. cra - dle us,

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ff rit.

S. help - less souls to rise and serve_Thee, what sub - stance have these wretch - ed ones to

A. help - less souls to rise and serve_Thee, what sub - stance have these wretch - ed ones to

T. help - less souls to rise and serve_Thee, what sub - stance have these wretch - ed ones to

B. help - less souls to rise and serve_Thee, what sub - stance have these wretch - ed ones to

what sub - stance have these wretch - ed ones to *rit.*

Pno *ff*

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I *p*

S. make a brave dis-play? Thou Who art the Migh - ty, the All - Pow - er - ful,

A. make a brave dis-play? Thou Who art the Migh - ty, the All - Pow - er - ful,

T. make a brave dis-play? Thou Who art the Migh - ty, the All - Pow - er - ful,

B. make a brave dis-play? Thou Who art the Migh - ty, the All - Pow - er - ful,

Pno *p*

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169 *cresc.* *rall.* *f* *mf* **J** ♩ = 60

S. help us, help us, fa - vour us;... Lift Thou, to these

A. help us, help us, fa - vour us;... Lift Thou, to these

T. help us, help us, fa - vour us;... Lift Thou,

B. help us, help us, fa - vour us;... Lift Thou,

Pno *cresc.* *f* *mf*

174 *soprano solo*

S. parched lips *f* the boun - teous and soft flow - ing wa - ters of hea - ven, raise up these

A. parched lips *mp* Ah... raise up these

T. parched lips Ah... raise up these

B. parched lips Ah... raise up these

Pno *mp*

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 $\text{K}_{\text{♩}} = 150$

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cresc. *Rit.* *dim.* *mf*

S. dead to e - ver - la - sting life. *f* Grant Thou_____ to the

A. dead to e - ver - la - sting life.

T. dead to e - ver - la - sting life.

B. dead to e - ver - la - sting life.

Pno *mf* $\text{♩} = 150$

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S. blind_____ eyes that will see._____

A.

T.

B.

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S. Make Thou the deaf to hear the dumb to

A. Make Thou the deaf to hear the dumb to

T. Make Thou the deaf to hear the dumb to

B. Make Thou the deaf to hear the dumb to

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188

cresc. *ff*

S. speak. Set Thou the di - spir - i - ted a -

A. speak. Set Thou the di - spir - i - ted a -

T. speak. Set Thou the di - spir - i - ted a -

B. speak. Set Thou the di - spir - i - ted a -

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191 *mf*

S. blaze, _____ make Thou the heed - less

A. blaze, _____ make Thou the heed - less

T. blaze, _____ make Thou the heed - less

B. blaze, _____ make Thou the heed - less

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194

S. mind - ful, warn Thou the proud, _____ a -

A. mind - ful, warn Thou the proud, _____ a -

T. mind - ful, warn Thou the proud, _____ a -

B. mind - ful, warn Thou the proud, _____ a -

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L

S. wa - ken those who sleep. Thou art the

A. wa - ken those who sleep. Thou art the

T. wa - ken those who sleep. Thou art the

B. wa - ken those who sleep. Thou art the

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S. Migh - ty, Thou art the Be stow - er, Thou art the Lov - ing. Ve - ri - ly Thou

A. Migh - ty, Thou art the Be stow - er, Thou art the Lov - ing. Ve - ri - ly Thou

T. Migh - ty, Thou art the Be stow - er, Thou art the Lov - ing. Ve - ri - ly Thou

B. Migh - ty, Thou art the Be stow - er, Thou art the Lov - ing. Ve - ri - ly Thou

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dim. *poco rit.* *pp*

S. art the Be - ne - fi - cent, the Most, the Most Ex - al - ted.

A. art the Be - ne - fi - cent, the Most, the Most Ex - al - ted.

T. art the Be - ne - fi - cent, the Most, the Most Ex - al - ted.

B. art the Be - ne - fi - cent, the Most, the Most Ex - al - ted.

Pno *pp*

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