

A Prayer

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(1872-1906)

KEN BURTON

Earnestly ♩ = 72

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

p espress.

p espress.

p espress.

p espress.

for rehearsal only

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Lord, the hard-won miles have worn my stum-bling feet: Oh,

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Duration: 4.5 mins

poco più mosso

10

with warmth

soothe me with thy smiles, and make

soothe me with thy smiles, make

soothe me with thy smiles, make

soothe me with thy smiles, make,

poco più mosso

13

rall.

a tempo

my life com - plete.

my life com -

my life com -

make my life com -

rall. **a tempo**

16

p espress.

p espress.

p espress.

p espress.

20

mf

The thorns were thick and keen where -

mf

The thorns were thick and keen where -

mf

The thorns were thick and keen where -

mf

where -

- e'er I trem - bling - trod; The way was long be -

- e'er I trem - bling trod; The way was long be -

- e'er I trem - bling trod; The way was long be -

- e'er I trem - bling trod; The way was long be -

poco più mosso

rall.

- tween my wound - - - ed

- tween, wound - - - ed

- tween, wound - - - ed

- tween, wound - - - ed

poco più mosso *rall.*

* *tr* = vibrato

a tempo

29

feet and God. Where heal - ing wa - ters

feet and God. Where heal - ing wa - ters

feet and God. Where heal - ing wa - ters

feet and God. Where heal - ing wa - ters

a tempo

32

flow, do thou my foot - steps lead. My

flow, do thou my foot - steps lead. My

flow, do thou my foot - steps lead. My

flow, do thou my foot - steps lead. My

(SOLO (opt.), improvised)

(TUTTI) *P*

35

heart is ach-ing, ach-ing, ach-ing so; thy

heart is ach-ing, ach-ing so;

heart is ach-ing so;

heart is ach-ing so;

heart is ach-ing so;

heart is ach-ing so;

p *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

rall.

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gra - - - cious balm I

gra - - - cious balm I

gra - - - cious balm I

gra - - - cious balm I

gra - - - cious balm I

p *p* *p* *p*

rall.

40 a tempo

need.

p espress.

p espress.

p espress.

a tempo

p espress.

43

pp

A - - - men.

pp

A - - - men.

pp

A - - - men.

pp

A - - - men.

pp