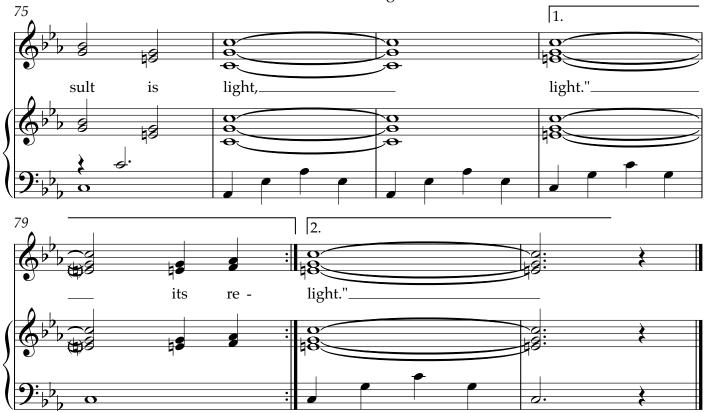
Take Counsel Together









- 44: The members thereof must take counsel together in such wise that no occasion for ill-feeling or discord may arise. This can be attained when every member expresseth with absolute freedom his own opinion and setteth forth his argument. Should anyone oppose, he must on no account feel hurt for not until matters are fully discussed can the right way be revealed. The shining spark of truth cometh forth only after the clash of differing opinions. If after discussion, a decision be carried unanimously well and good; but if, the Lord forbid, differences of opinion should arise, a majority of voices must prevail.
- 45: The first condition is absolute love and harmony ... They must, when coming together, turn their faces to the Kingdom on high and ask aid from the Realm of Glory. They must then proceed with the utmost devotion, courtesy, dignity, care and moderation to express their views. ... In short, whatsoever thing is arranged in harmony and with love and purity of motive, its result is light, and should the least trace of estrangement prevail the result shall be darkness upon darkness...

Selections From The Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, pp 87 - 88. Bahá'í World Centre, Haifa, 1978

This song could be sung at other times than during a performance of the musical play for which it was written. It is for this reason that I kept the harmony in the vocal line. Alternatively, a director may wish to have the two protagonists in the play sing part of this song as a duet, for example when phrases repeat in the music. JTH

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