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He is the Compassionate

a two-part chant to a prayer by 'Abdu'l-Bahá for mixed voices

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He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! O God my God! Thou seest me, Thou knowest me; Thou art my haven and my Refuge. None have I sought nor any will I seek save Thee; no path have I trodden nor any will I tread but the path of Thy love. In the darksome night of despair, my eye turneth expectant and full of hope to the morn of Thy boundless favour and at the hour of dawn my drooping soul is refreshed and strengthened in remembrance of Thy beauty and perfection. He whom the grace of Thy mercy aideth, though he be but a drop, shall become the boundless ocean, and the merest atom which the outpouring of Thy loving-kindness assisteth, shall shine even as the radiant star.

Shelter under Thy protection, O Thou Spirit of purity, Thou Whom art the All-Bountiful Provider, this enthralled, enkindled servant of Thine. Aid him in this world of being to remain steadfast and firm in Thy love and grant that this broken-winged bird attain a refuge and shelter in Thy divine nest that abideth upon the celestial tree.

(Compilations, Bahá'í Prayers, p. 30)

Duration approx. 4 mins

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J = 80

Women *p* He is the Com - pas - sion - ate, the All - Boun - ti - ful *cresc.* O God my God! Thou

Men

W *f* se - est me, Thou know - est me; Thou art my ha - ven and my Re - fuge. None have I sought nor a - ny

W will I seek save Thee; no path have I trod - den nor a - ny will I tread but the path of Thy love...

W *p* In the dark - some night of des - pair, my eye turn - eth ex - pec - tant and full of hope to the

M *f* morn of Thy bound - less fa - vour and at the hour of dawn my droo - ping soul is re freshed and streng - thened

W *p* He whom the grace of Thy mer - cy ai - deth,

M *mf* in re - mem - brance of Thy beau - ty and per - fec - tion. He whom the grace of Thy mer - cy ai - deth,

W *mf* though he be but a drop, shall be - come the bound less o - cean, and the mer - est a - tom which the

M *mf* though he be but a drop, shall be - come the bound less o - cean, and the mer - est a - tom which the

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W *f* out - pour - ing of Thy lo - ving - kindness as - sis - teth, shall shine e - ven as the ra - diant
p *cresc.*

M *f* out pour - ing of Thy lo - ving - kindness as - sis - teth, shall shine e - ven as the ra - diant
p *cresc.*

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W *f* star. Shel - ter un - der Thy pro - tec - tion, O Thou Spi - rit of pu - ri - ty,
p

M *f* star. Shel - ter un - der Thy pro - tec - tion, O Thou Spi - rit of
p

55

W Thou Who art the All - Boun - ti - ful Pro - vi - der, this enthralled, en - kin - dled ser - vant of Thine.

M pu - ri - ty, Thou Who art the All - Boun - ti - ful Pro - vi - der, this enthralled, en - kin - dled ser - vant of

60

W *mf* Aid him in this world of be - ing to re - main stead - fast and firm in Thy love and
p

M *mf* Thine. Aid him in this world of be - ing to re - main stead - fast and firm in Thy love

65

W grant that this bro - ken - winged bird at - tain a re - fuge and shel - ter in Thy

M and grant that this bro - ken - winged bird at - tain a re - fuge and shel - ter in

70

75

W *mf* di - vine nest that a - bi - deth u - pon the ce - les - tial tree.
pp

M *mf* Thy di - vine nest that a - bi - deth u - pon the ce - les - tial tree.
pp