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O God, Guide Me

for children's voices and piano/keyboard

This is a setting of a Prayer by 'Abdu'l-Bahá:

*O God, guide me, protect me, make of me a shining lamp and a brilliant star.
Thou art the Mighty and the Powerful.*

This prayer was written with children in mind by 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the son of the founder of the Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh. The music was written for the Thomas Breakwell Sunday School, Stevenage (UK) in 1988 and revised in 2008.

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Moderato, ♩ = 84

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Voice *p* O God, guide me, O
 Piano *p*
 Ped.

[5]
 Vce *mf* God, guide me, pro-tect me, make of me a shi - ning lamp and a
 Pno. *mf*

[10]
 Vce *f* bril - liant star. Thou art the migh - ty and the
 Pno. *f*

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15
rit.

Vce *ff*
Power - ful.

Pno. *ff* *f* *mf* *p*

The image shows a musical score for voice and piano. The voice part (Vce) is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It begins with a fortissimo (ff) dynamic and a single note on a dotted half note, with the lyrics "Power - ful." underneath. The piano part (Pno.) consists of two staves, treble and bass clefs, with a key signature of two sharps. The right hand plays a melodic line with eighth notes and quarter notes, while the left hand plays a bass line with quarter notes and half notes. Dynamics for the piano part are marked as ff, f, mf, and p, with hairpins indicating a gradual decrease in volume. A ritardando (rit.) marking is placed above the piano part, starting at measure 15. The entire score is enclosed in a double bar line at the end.