

# O Holy Lord

'Abdu'l-Bahá

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**Soprano Solo**  $\text{♩} = 80$

O my Lord! I have drawn nigh un-to Thee, in the depths of this dark-some

**S. Solo**

night, con - fid - ing in Thee with the tongue of my heart, tremb - ling with joy at the

**S. Solo**

sweet scents that blow from Thy realm, from Thy realm, the All - Glo - ri -

**S. Solo**

ous, call - ing un - to Thee say - ing:

**S.**  $\text{♩} = 108$

O my Lord! — No words do I find to glor - i - fy Thee, no way do I

**A.**

O my Lord! — No words do I find to glor - i - fy Thee, no way do I

**T.**

O my Lord! — No words do I find to glor - i - fy Thee, no way do I

**B.**

O my Lord! — No words do I find to glor - i - fy Thee, no way do I

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S. see for the bird of my mind to soar up-ward, up-ward, up-ward to Thy King-dom, to Thy

A. see for the bird of my mind to soar up-ward, up-ward, up-ward to Thy King-dom, to Thy

T. see for the bird of my mind to soar up-ward, up-ward, up-ward, to Thy King-dom, to Thy

B. see for the bird of my mind to soar up-ward, up-ward, up-ward, to Thy King-dom, to Thy

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

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

T. King-dom of Ho - li - ness. King-dom, up-ward, up-ward,

B. King-dom of Ho - li - ness. King-dom, up-ward, up-ward,

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

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

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

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

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

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

46

S. in Thy\_\_ ver - y be - ing art be - yond\_\_ the reach of those

A. in Thy\_\_ ver - y be - ing art be - yond\_\_ the reach of those

49

S. prais - es which are of - fered Thee\_\_\_\_ by the peo - ple that Thou hast cre - a - ted.\_\_\_\_

A. prais - es which are of - fered Thee\_\_\_\_ by the peo - ple that Thou hast cre - a - ted.\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

59

1.

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

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

63

2.

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

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

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

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

68

♩=100

S. We are

A. We are hap-less, low-ly and of small ac-count We are

T. We are hap-less, low-ly and of small ac-count We are

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

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

A. paup-ers: show us mer-cy, give us boun-ty. We are boun-ty look

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

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

80

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

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

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

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

85

S. sins, hide Thou our end-less sins. What-e-ver we are, 1: mp, 2: mf

A. sins, hide Thou our end-less sins. What-e-ver we are, 1: mp, 2: mf

T. hide Thou our end-less sins, our end-less sins. What-e-ver we are

B. hide Thou our end-less sins, our end-less sins. What-e-ver we are

90

S. still are we Thine, and what we speak and hear is praise of Thee, and it is Thy

A. still are we Thine, Oo is praise of Thee, and it is Thy

T. still are we Thine Oo is praise of Thee, and it is Thy

B. still are we Thine Oo is praise of Thee, and it is Thy

95

S. face we seek, What face we seek, Thy path we fol-low Thou art the Lord of lov-ing kind-ness, lov-ing

A. face we seek, What face we seek, Thy path we fol-low Thou art the Lord of lov-ing kind-ness, lov-ing

T. face we seek, What face we seek, Thy path we fol-low Thou art the Lord lov-ing

B. face we seek, What face we seek, path we fol-low Thou art the Lord lov-ing

101

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

A. kind - ness, Thou Lord of lov - ing kind - ness, we are

T. kind - ness, Thou kind - ness, we are

B. kind - ness, Thou kind - ness, we are

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S. sin - ners and a - stray and far \_\_\_\_\_ from home. \_\_\_\_\_

A. sin - ners and a - stray and far \_\_\_\_\_ from home. \_\_\_\_\_

T. sin - ners and a - stray and far \_\_\_\_\_ from home. \_\_\_\_\_

B. sin - ners and a - stray and far \_\_\_\_\_ from home. \_\_\_\_\_

111  $\text{♩} = 130$

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

115

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

117

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

A. O Sea of all be - stow - als

120

S. wave Roll to - ward us a great wave.

A. roll to - ward us a great, roll to - ward us a great wave.

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**A tempo**

**accel.**

S. O Sun of Boun-ty send down a shaft of light. Grant us pit - y, grant us

A. O Sun of Boun-ty send down a shaft of light. Grant us pit - y, grant us

T. O Sun of Boun-ty send down a shaft of light.

B. O Sun of Boun-ty send down a shaft of light.

126

$\text{♩} = 110$

S. grace. Grant us pit - y grant us grace.

A. grace. Grant us pit - y grant us grace. By Thy beau ty

T. Grant us pit - y Grant us pit - y grant us grace. By Thy beau-ty,

B. Grant us pit - y Grant us pit - y grant us grace. By Thy beau ty

131

S. —

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


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


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




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S.  Un - less Thy con - ceal - ing

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


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


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

139


S.  veil doth co-ver us, and Thy pro-tec - tion shield and cra-dle us, what


A.  sins, with no good deeds to tell of on-ly hopes. cra-dle us, what


T.  sins, with no good deeds to tell of on-ly hopes. cra-dle us, what

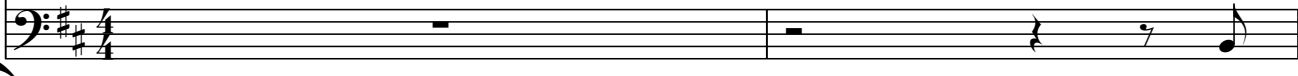
B.  sins, with no good deeds to tell of on-ly hopes. cra-dle us,

144

S.  pow - er have these help - less souls to rise and serve Thee, what

A.  pow - er have these help - less souls to rise and serve Thee, what

T.  pow - er have these help - less souls to rise and serve Thee, what

B.  what

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*molto rit.*

$\text{♩} = 108$

S. sub-stance have these wretch-ed ones to make a brave dis-play? Thou Who art the

A. sub-stance have these wretch-ed ones to make a brave dis-play? Thou Who art the

T. sub-stance have these wretch-ed ones to make a brave dis-play? Thou Who art the

B. sub-stance have these wretch-ed ones to make a brave dis-play? Thou Who art the

149

S. Might-y, the All-Pow-er - ful, help us, help us, fa-vour us;...—

A. Might-y, the All-Pow-er - ful, help us, help us, fa-vour us;...—

T. Might-y, the All-Pow-er - ful, help us, help us, fa-vour us;...—

B. Might-y, the All-Pow-er - ful, help us, help us, fa-vour us...—

155

$\text{♩} = 60$

S. Solo Lift Thou, to these parched lips the boun-teous and soft flow-ing

S. — Lift Thou, parched lips boun - -

A. — Lift Thou, parched lips boun - -

T. — Lift Thou, parched lips boun - -

B. — Lift Thou, parched lips the boun - -

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S. Solo  
wa - ters of hea - ven, raise up these dead to e - ver - last - ing life.

S.  
teous, raise up these dead to e - ver - last - ing life.

A.  
teous, raise up these dead to e - ver - last - ing life.

T.  
teous, raise up these dead to e - ver - last - ing life.

B.  
teous, raise up these dead to e - ver - last - ing life.

164

S.  $\text{♩} = 200$   
Grant Thou \_\_\_\_\_ to the blind \_\_\_\_\_ eyes \_\_\_\_\_ that will

Pno.

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S.  
see. \_\_\_\_\_ Make Thou \_\_\_\_\_ the deaf to hear, \_\_\_\_\_ the

A.  
Make Thou \_\_\_\_\_ the deaf to hear, \_\_\_\_\_ the

T.  
Make Thou \_\_\_\_\_ the deaf to hear, \_\_\_\_\_ the

B.  
Make Thou \_\_\_\_\_ the deaf to hear, \_\_\_\_\_ the

Pno.

170

S. dumb \_\_\_\_\_ to speak. \_\_\_\_\_ Set Thou the dis-

A. dumb \_\_\_\_\_ to speak. \_\_\_\_\_ Set Thou the dis-

T. dumb \_\_\_\_\_ to speak. \_\_\_\_\_ Set Thou the dis-

B. dumb \_\_\_\_\_ to speak. \_\_\_\_\_ Set Thou the dis-

Pno.

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S. pir - a - ted \_\_\_\_\_ a - blaze, \_\_\_\_\_ make Thou \_\_\_\_\_ the

A. pir - a - ted \_\_\_\_\_ a - blaze, \_\_\_\_\_ make Thou \_\_\_\_\_ the

T. pir - a - ted \_\_\_\_\_ a - blaze, \_\_\_\_\_ make Thou \_\_\_\_\_ the

B. pir - a - ted \_\_\_\_\_ a - blaze, \_\_\_\_\_ make Thou \_\_\_\_\_ the

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S. heed - less mind - ful, warn Thou the

A. heed - less mind - ful, warn Thou the

T. heed - less mind - ful, warn Thou the

B. heed - less mind - ful, warn Thou the

Pno.

179

S. proud, a - wa - ken those who sleep

A. proud, a - wa - ken those who sleep

T. proud, a - wa - ken those who sleep

B. proud, a - wa - ken those who sleep

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S.  
A.  
T.  
B.  
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S.  
A.  
T.  
B.  
Pno.

Thou art the Might - y, Thou art the Be - stow - er, Thou art the  
Thou art the Might - y, Thou art the Be - stow - er, Thou art the  
Thou art the Might - y, Thou art the Be - stow - er, Thou art the  
Thou art the Might - y, Thou art the Be - stow - er, Thou art the

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S.  
A.  
T.  
B.  
Pno.

Lov - ing. Ve - ri - ly Thou art the Be - ne - fi -  
Lov - ing. Ve - ri - ly Thou art the Be - ne - fi -  
ing. ing. Ve - ri - ly Thou art the Be - ne - fi -  
ing. ing. Ve - ri - ly Thou art the Be - ne - fi -

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**poco rit.** . . . . .

S.  
cent, the Most, the Most Ex - al - ted.

A.  
cent, the Most, the Most Ex - al - ted.

T.  
cent, the Most, the Most Ex - al - ted.

B.  
cent, the Most, the Most Ex - al - ted.

The musical score consists of four staves, one for each voice part: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.). Each staff begins with a treble clef (except for the Bass part which has a bass clef) and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are printed below each staff. The Soprano part features a melodic line with a series of eighth notes and a final phrase of four dotted eighth notes beamed together. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts provide harmonic support with a similar rhythmic pattern. The tempo marking 'poco rit.' is indicated above the Soprano staff with a dashed line extending across the top of the page.