

The background of the cover is a black and white photograph. On the left, a large dome of a Bahá'í temple is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky. In the center, two tall, slender towers rise. On the right, a tall, dark evergreen tree stands. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

O Thou Forgiver of Sins

A Prayer for the departed
from the Bahá'í Sacred Writings
revealed by

'Abdu'l-Bahá

for unaccompanied
Soprano, Alto and Bass voices

music by Tim FitzGerald

O my God!

O Thou forgiver of sins, bestower of gifts, dispeller of afflictions!

Verily, I beseech Thee to forgive the sins of such as have abandoned the physical garment and have ascended to the spiritual world.

O my Lord! Purify them from trespasses, dispel their sorrows, and change their darkness into light. Cause them to enter the garden of happiness, cleanse them with the most pure water, and grant them to behold Thy splendors on the loftiest mount.

- 'Abdu'l-Bahá

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72
Soprano *p* O my *mf* God!
Alto *p* O my *mf* God!
Bass *mp* O my *mf* God!

7 Tempo, moderately in one *p* O Thou for - giv - er of sins,
S
A *p* O Thou for - giv - er
B Tempo, moderately in one *p* O Thou for - giv - er of sins, O

13 *mp* O Thou for - giv - er of sins be -
S *mf*
A *mp* O Thou for - giv - er of sins be -
B *mp* O

18

S stow - er of gifts dis - pel - ler of af - flict - ions! *mp* for -

A stow - er of gifts dis - pel - ler of af - flict - ions! *mp* O Thou for -

B *mf* O Thou for - giv - er of

24

S giv - er be - stow - er dis - pel - ler of af - flict - ions! *mf*

A giv - er be - stow - er dis - pel - ler of af - flict - ions! *mf*

B *mf*

sins, best - ow - er of gifts, dis - pel - ler dis - pel - ler of af - flict - ions!

30 $\text{♩} = 80$

S Solo *p* O for -

A Solo *mp* Ver - i - ly I be - seech Thee to for - give the sins

B Solo *p* O for -

Slower, in a free, chanting style Tempo, but still slower

36

S freely in tempo
giv - er of sins for - giv - er of sins

A freely in tempo
of such as have a - ban-doned the phy - sic-al

B freely in tempo
giv - er of sins for - giv - er of sins

42

S Tempo, majestically Tutti
mf and have asc - end - ed to the spir - i - tual world.

A Tempo, majestically Tutti
mf gar - ment and have asc - end - ed to the spir - i - tual world.

B Tempo, majestically Tutti
mf and have asc - end - ed to the spir - i - tual world.

49

S *mp* O my Lord!

A *mp* O my Lord!

B *mp* O my Lord!

55 Slightly faster, flowing

S *mf* Pur - i - fy them from tres - pass-es dis -

A *mp* O from tres - pass-es O Lord

B *mp* O from tres - pass-es O Lord

60

S pel their sor - rows and change their dark - ness in - to

A *mf* their sor rows and change their dark ness in to

B *mf* their sor - - - rows and change their dark - ness in - to

65

S light. Cause them to en - ter the gar - den of hap - pi - ness

A light. Cause them giv - er of sins gar - den of hap - pi - ness

B light. Cause them to en - - - ter

70 *rit* *mp* Cleanse them with the most pure wa - - - - ter *tempo*

A *mp* Cleanse them with the most pure wa - - - - ter *rit* *tempo*

B *mp* Cleanse them with the most pure wa - - - - ter *rit* *p* and *tempo*

74 *mp* grant them to be - hold Thy *mf* splen - dours

A *p* grant them to be - hold Thy *mf* splen - dours

B grant them to be - hold Thy *mf* splen - dours

80 on the loft - i - est mount.

A on the loft - i - est mount.

B on the loft - i - est mount.

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