

The Promise of Suffering

The Bible; paraphrase of the
Bahá'í Writings;
jth

John Thomas Higgins

♩ = 50

Tenor

Ma - ny peo - ple die, pre - cious_ lives_ run through. Beau - ti - ful_ and dear_ are

Baritone

4

T.

those who pe-rish in the flood of suf-fring here. Quak ing limbs make haste hid-ing_ un - der stone

Bar.

8

T.

flee - ing wrath for shel-ter none can find_ save in the sov' reign Lord of all, Who gives His heal ling_ wa-ter_

Bar.

12

T.

to_ all_ those who seek it come, let's drink our fill. It_ is bet-ter_ to be slain than to slay.

Bar.

to all_ those who seek it

16

T.

O - thers seek re-venge, rag - ing_ in their loss. Hat - red fills_ their hearts and brings more suf' ring all are

Bar.

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20 ♩ = 65 (slightly faster)

T. 8
pun-ish-ed. It is bet-ter to be slain than to slay. Bless-ed are the meek,
Bar. 8
Bless-ed are the meek,

25

T. 8
Bless-ed are the meek: For they shall in-her-it the Earth. For they shall in-
Bar. 8
Bless-ed are the meek, For they shall in-her-it the Earth. for they shall in-her

31 **poco rall.** ♩ = 55

T. 8
her-rit the Earth, in-her-it the Earth. There-in lies the pro-mise of
Bar. 8
-rit the Earth, in-her-it the Earth. There lies the pro-

35 **rall.**

T. 8
suf-fer-ing when those whose love of God sus-tains and suc-cours them in their pain.
Bar. 8
-mise for those who love God and He suc-cours their pain.

This song is dedicated to the Bahá'ís of Irán.