

I Know Not What the Fire Is

Baha'u'llah

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♩ = 72

SOPRANO *mf* Fire, fire, fire,

Alto *mf* Fire, fire, fi - re,

ALTO *mf* Fire, fire, fi - re,

TENOR *f* I know not, O my God, what the fire is

BASS *mf*

4 Fi - - - - re

fire in Thy land

fire, fire, kin-dle in Thy land its splen

fire, fire, kin-dle in Thy land its splen

which Thou didst kin-dle in Thy land. Earth can ne-ver cloud its splen

fire, kin - dle in Thy land. Earth can ne-ver cloud its

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2 7

splen - dor, nor wa - ter quench its flame. ___

dor, - wa - ter quench its flame. ___ Peo - ple_ are

dor, - wa - ter quench its flame. ___ Peo - ple_ are

- dor, - nor wa - ter quench its flame. All the peo - ple of the world are.

splen - dor, nor wa - ter quench its flame. Peo - ple are

11

pow - er - less Great is the bles

pow - er - less, pow - er - less, pow - er - less_

pow - er - less, pow - er - less, pow - er - less_

pow - er - less to re - sist pow - er - less to re - sist its force. ___

pow - er - less pow - er - less, pow - er - less_

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sed - ness of him that hath drawn,

bles - sed - ness of him that hath drawn nigh

bles - sed - ness of him that hath drawn nigh

bles - sed - ness of him that hath drawn nigh

bles - sed - ness

17

un - to it

mp that hath drawn nigh *mf* un-to it, hath drawn nigh un-to it, un-to it

un - to it,

un - to it.

mp that hath drawn nigh *mf* un-to it, hath drawn nigh un-to it, un-to it

20

f Roar - ing, roar - ing,

f and heard its Roar - - - ing, roar

f and heard its roar - ing roar - ing

f and heard it, I know not, O my God, what the fire is

f and heard its roar - - - ing, roar - ing,

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roar - - - ing in Thy land, roar - ing

- - - - ing in Thy land, roar -

roar - ing, roar-ing in Thy land,

f which Thou didst kin-dle in Thy land, Roar - ing,

roar - - - ing, in Thy land, Roar - ing

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Humbly

roar - ing fire in Thy land, —

- ing fire in Thy land —

roar - ing fire in Thy land — *mp* I be - seech Thee, O my Lord, by this

roar - ing fire in Thy land. — *p* I be - seech Thee,

roar - ing fire in Thy land — *p* I — be - seech Thee,

30

mp to rend a - sun - der the

mp to rend a - sun - der the

fire which blaz - eth and rag - eth in the world of cre - a - tion, to rend a - sun - der the

mp O — my Lord —

O — my Lord — O my

33

veils that have hind-ered me from ap-pear - ing___ be-fore the

veils, that have hind - - ered

veils be-fore the

Rend a - sun - der the veils___ the

Lord, that have hind-ered me from ap-pear - ing___ be-fore the

35

throne_ of Thy ma - jes - ty, the throne,___ that have

me from the throne of Thy ma - jes - ty, Thy

throne___ of Thy ma - jes - ty, the throne, the throne of Thy ma - jes - ty, Thy

throne,___ the throne of Thy ma - jes - ty, Thy

throne of Thy ma - jes - ty, the throne of Thy ma - jes - ty, Thy

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hind-ered me from ap-pear-ing be-fore the throne of Thy ma-jes-ty, Thy throne
 throne, Thy throne
 throne, Thy throne
 throne, Thy throne.
 throne, Thy throne.

41

sotto voce **p** hind-ered me from
 hind-ered me from
sotto voce **p** hind-ered me from stand-ing at the door of Thy gate, hind-ered me from
 hind-ered me from stand-ing at the door of Thy gate,
 hind-ered me from stand-ing at the door of Thy gate,

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Plaintively

stand-ing at the door of Thy gate___

stand-ing at the door of Thy gate. Do Thou or -

stand-ing at the door of Thy gate___ *mp* Do Thou or - dain for me___

at the door of Thy gate___ *mp* Do Thou or - dain for me, do Thou or -

at the door of Thy gate___ *mp* Do Thou or - dain for me, Do Thou or -

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Do_ Thou or - dain, or - dain for me, O my Lord,

dain for me, O my Lord, O my Lord,

O my Lord, O my Lord,

dain for me O my Lord, ev'-ry

dain for me, O my Lord, O my Lord, ev'-ry

55

and
 ev'-ry good thing Thou didst send down didst send down in Thy book
 ev'-ry good thing Thou didst send down didst send down in Thy book
 good thing Thou didst send down in Thy
 good thing Thou didst send down in Thy

58

suf - fer me not, suf - fer me not far re - moved from the
 and suf - fer me not to be far re - moved from the
 and suf - fer me not to be far re - moved from the
 book, and suf - fer me not to be far re - moved from the
 book, and suf - fer me not to be far re - moved from the

61

shel - ter of Thy mer - cy, ev' - ry good thing

the shel ter of Thy mer - cy, ev' - ry good thing

shel - ter of Thy mer - cy, ev' - ry good thing

shel - ter of Thy mer - cy, ev' - ry good thing

shel - ter of Thy mer - cy, ev' - ry good thing Thou didst send

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and suf - fer me not,

Thou didst send down in Thy book, and

Thou didst send down in Thy book, and

Thou didst send down in Thy book, and

down in Thy book, and

— suf - fer me not far re - moved from the shel - ter of Thy mer -

suf - fer me not to be far re - moved from the the shel - ter of Thy mer -

suf - fer me not to be far re - moved from the shel - ter of Thy mer -

suf - fer me not to be far re - moved from the shel - ter of Thy mer -

suf - fer me not to be far re - moved from the shel - ter of Thy mer -

- cy. Thou to

cy. Pow - er - ful art Thou to

- cy. Pow - er - ful art Thou Thou art pow - er - ful to

- cy. Thou

cy. Thou

75

do what pleas-eth Thee_____ Thou_____ the

do what pleas-eth Thee_____ Thou art, ver-i - ly_____ the

do what pleas-eth Thee. Thou art, ver-i - ly,_____ Thou art ver-i-ly the

thou_____ Thou_____

Thou_____ Thou_____

79

All - pow-er- ful._____ Fire

All - pow-er - ful

All - pow-er-ful, the most gen-er- ous_

Thou_____ I know not, O my God,_____ what the fire is

Thou_____ Fi - - - - re

83

mf Great is the bles - sed ness of him that hath drawn,
mf fire, fire, fire, *mp* bles - sed - ness of
mf fire, fire, fire, *mp* bles - sed - ness of
mf which Thou didst kin-dle in Thy land. *mp* bles - sed - ness of
mf fire, kin - dle in Thy land. *mp* bles - sed - ness

♩ = 75

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p un - to it
mf him that hath drawn nigh that hath drawn nigh un - to it, hath drawn nigh
 him that hath drawn nigh un - to it,
 him that hath drawn nigh un - to it.
 that hath drawn nigh un - to it, hath drawn nigh

90 *mf* _____ *f* Roar - ing, - roar

un - to it, un - to it and heard its Roar - - - ing, -

mf _____ *f* and heard its roar - ing

mf _____ *f* and heard it, I know not, O my God,

mf _____ *f* un - to it, un - to it and heard its roar - - - ing,

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- ing, - roar - - - ing in Thy land.

roar - - - ing in Thy land.

roar - ing roar - ing, roar-ing in Thy land, -

what the fire is which Thou didst kin-dle in Thy land. Roar

roar - ing, roar - ing, in Thy land. _____

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roar - ing fire in Thy land,___

___ roar - ing fire in Thy land___

___ roar - ing fire in Thy land___

8 ing,___ roar - ing fire in Thy land. ___

Roar - ing roar - ing fire in Thy land___

Detailed description: This is a musical score for five voices, arranged in five staves. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are 'roar - ing fire in Thy land'. The first staff has the lyrics 'roar - ing fire in Thy land,___'. The second staff has '___ roar - ing fire in Thy land___'. The third staff has '___ roar - ing fire in Thy land___'. The fourth staff has '8 ing,___ roar - ing fire in Thy land. ___'. The fifth staff has 'Roar - ing roar - ing fire in Thy land___'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and slurs. There are also dynamic markings like accents (>) and hairpins (< and >).