

Mystery of God

Words by Bahá'u'lláh

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Bahá'u'lláh "describes those breathless moments when the Maiden, symbolizing the "Most Great Spirit" proclaimed His mission to the entire creation: 'While engulfed in tribulations I heard a most wondrous, a most sweet voice, calling above My head. Turning My face, I beheld a Maiden—the embodiment of the remembrance of the name of My Lord—suspended in the air before Me. So rejoiced was she in her very soul that her countenance shone with the ornament of the good-pleasure of God, and her cheeks glowed with the brightness of the All-Merciful. Betwixt earth and heaven she was raising a call which captivated the hearts and minds of men. She was imparting to both My inward and outer being tidings which rejoiced My soul, and the souls of God's honored servants. Pointing with her finger unto My head, she addressed all who are in heaven and all who are on earth, saying: "By God! This is the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and yet ye comprehend not. This is the Beauty of God amongst you, and the power of His sovereignty within you, could ye but understand. This is the Mystery of God and His Treasure, the Cause of God and His glory unto all who are in the kingdoms of Revelation and of creation, if ye be of them that perceive.'"

Someone begins reading the text above.

The choir begins to sing when the reader says "I beheld a Maiden".

The reader should time it so that he arrives at the end of the text just before the choir arrives at rehearsal letter C.

A $\text{♩} = 55-60$

Soprano 1
Ooh

Soprano 2
Ooh

Alto 1
Ooh

Alto 2
Ooh

B

S 1
Ah

S 2
Ah

A 1
Ah

A 2
Ah

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8 1 2 ♩ = 60 C

S1 Ah _____ Ooh _____

S2 Ah _____ Ooh _____

A1 Ah _____ Ooh _____

A2 Ah _____ Ooh _____

12

S1 _____

S2 _____

A1 _____

A2 _____

17 D ♩ = 75

S1 _____ This is the Beau - ty of

S2 _____ This is the Beau - ty of

A1 _____ This is the Beau - ty of

A2 _____ This is the Beau - ty of

22

S 1
God a - mongst you, and the pow - er of His So-v'reign-ty wi -

S 2
God a - mongst you, and the pow - er of His So-v'reign-ty wi -

A 1
God a - mongst you, and the pow - er of His So-v'reign-ty wi -

A 2
God a - mongst you, and the pow - er of His So-v'reign-ty wi -

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S 1
thin you, could ye but un - der - stand, could ye but un - der -

S 2
thin you, with - in you, could ye but un - der - stand, could ye but un - der -

A 1
thin with - in you, un - der - stand.

A 2
thin with - in you, un - der - stand.

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E

S 1
stand. This is the Mys - t'ry of God and His Trea - sure, the

S 2
stand. This is the Mys - t'ry of God and His Trea - sure, the

A 1
un - der - stand. This is the Mys - t'ry of God and His Trea - sure, the

A 2
un - der - stand. This is the Mys - t'ry of God and His Trea - sure, the

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S 1 Cause of God and His Glo - ry, un - to all, un - to

S 2 Cause the Cause of God and His Glo - ry, His Glo - ry, un - to all, un - to

A 1 Cause the Cause of God and His Glo - ry, His Glo - ry, un - to all, un - to

A 2 Cause of God and His Glo - ry, His Glo - ry, un - to all, un - to

42 **F**

S 1 all, This is the Beau - ty of God a - mongst you, if

S 2 all, This is the Beau - ty of God a - mongst you,

A 1 all, This is the Beau - ty of God a - mongst you,

A 2 all, This is the Beau - ty of God a - mongst you,

47

S 1 ye be of them that per - ceive, if ye be of them that per - ceive.

S 2 if ye per - ceive, hm

A 1 if ye per - ceive, hm

A 2 if ye per - ceive hm