

# A Song Cycle from the Writings of The Báb

Composed to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary  
of the birth of The Báb  
SSAATB

The Báb

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♩=85 SWB\* 63 (see performance notes for details)

SOPRANO ALTO

TENOR BASS

"Is not the ri-sing of the Morn, fore-shad-owed in the Moth-er Book, — to be

5 Sopranos only SWB 46

S.A.

T. B.

near at hand?"

The Face of God is be-held in the Per-son of the

9 Tutti Sopranos

S.A.

T. B.

Pri-mal Point, Pri-mal Point, Pri-mal Point, Pri-mal Point. The Face of God is be-

Ah

12 Tutti SWB 63 Sopranos

S.A.

T. B.

held in the Per son of the Pri-mal Point, Pri-mal Point, Pri-mal Point, Pri-mal Point. The

Ah

15 Sopranos SWB 63 Tutti  
 an-gels and the spir-its, ar-rayed rank u-pon rank u-pon rank, u-pon rank, u-pon

18 rank, u-pon rank, de - scend by the leave of God, Ah Sopranos u-pon this  
 de scend by the leave of God, by the leave of God,

21 Tutti Sopranos  
 Gate, u-pon this Gate, u-pon this Gate, u-pon this Gate, and cir-cle 'round this Fo-cal Point  
 Ah Ah

24 Tutti  
 in a far stretch-ing line, stretch-ing line, stretch-ing line, far stretch-ing line.  
 Ah Ah

27 Tutti  
 Greet them with sal-u - ta - tions, O Qur - rat-u'l- Ayn, for the dawn hath in-deed  
 Greet them with sal-u - ta - tions, O Qur - rat-u'l Ayn, for the dawn hath in - deed

32 SWB 68  $\text{♩} = 90$  SA

S.A. bro - ken. O peop - les of the earth! Cleave ye ten - a - cious - ly

T. B. bro - ken O peop - les of the earth!

35 Sopranos Tutti

S.A. to the Cord of the All - High - est God, which is but this A - rab - i - an Youth, Our Re -

T. B. our, re -

39 TB

S.A. mem - brance.

T. B. mem - brance. He Who stand - eth con cealed at the point of ice a - midst the

43 SWB 73 SSA

S.A. In - deed God hath cre - a - ted e - v'ry where a - round this

T. B. o - cean of fire.

47

S.A. Gate o - ceans of di - vine e - lix - ir, tinged crim - son with the es - sence

51 *Tutti*

S.A. of ex-is-tence— and vi-ta-lized through the a-ni-ma-ting pow-er

T. B. with the es-sence of ex-is-tence— and vi-tal-ized through the a-ni-ma-ting pow-er

54

S.A. of the de-sired fruit;— and for them God hath pro-vi-ded Arks of ru-by,

T. B. of the de-sired fruit;— and for them God hath pro-vi-ded Arks of ru-by

59

S.A. ten-der, crim-son col-ored, where-in none shall sail but the peo-ples of Ba-há, but the

T. B. ten-der crim-son col-ored, where-in none shall sail but the peo-ples of Ba-há, but the

63

S.A. peo-ples of Ba-há, by the leave of God, the Most Ex-al-ted;

T. B. peo-ples of Ba-há, by the leave of God, the Most Ex-al-ted;

66 SA SWB 71

Is-sue forth from your cit-ies, O peop-les of the West and aid God ere the Day

69

when the Lord of mer-cy shall come down un-to you in the sha-dow of the clouds

72

with the an-gels circ-ling a-round Him.

T.B. SWB 71-72

Be-come as true breth-ren in the

75

free from dis-tinc-tion for ver-i-ly God de-sir-

one and in-di-vi-si-ble re-li-gion of God,

79

eth that your hearts should be-come mir-rors un-to your breth-ren in the Faith,

so that ye

82

find your-selves re-lect-ed in them, and they in you.

85  $\text{♩} = 85$   
Tutti

S.A. This is the true Path of God, the Al-might - y, and He is in-deed

T. B. This is the true Path of God, the Al-might - y, and He is in-deed

88 SWB 216

S.A. watch - ful o-ver your ac - tions. ...when the Tree of the Ba - yán at -

T. B. watch - ful ov - er your ac - tions. When the Tree of the Ba - yán at -

91

S.A. tain-eth its high-est de-vel-op-ment, We shall bend it low as a to-ken of a - dor-

T. B. tain-eth its high-est de-vel-op-ment, We shall bend it low as a to-ken of a - dor-

95

S.A. a - tion to-ward its Lord Who will ap - pear in the per - son of

T. B. a - tion to-ward its Lord Who will ap - pear in the per - son of

98 SWB 217

S.A. Him Whom God shall make man-i - fest. ...for such a One as the Point of the Ba-

T. B. Him Whom God shall make man-i - fest for such a one as the Point of the Ba-

101 rit.

S.A. yán Him-self hath be-lieved in Him... be - fore all things were cre - a - ted.

T. B. yán Him-self hath be-lieved in Him be - fore all things were cre - a - ted.

105 Solo SWB 75

S.A. O Thou Rem-nant of God! I have sac - ri - ficed My-self whol-ly for

108

S.A. Thee; I have ac - cep - ted cur - ses for Thy sake, and have yearned for

111

S.A. naught but mar - tyr - dom in the path of Thy love\_ Suf - fi - cient wit - ness un-to

114

S.A. Me is God, the Ex - al - ted, the Pro - tec - tor, the An - cient of Days\_\_

118  $\text{♩} = 85$   
Tutti SWB 211

S.A.  
When the Day-Star of Ba - há will shine re-splen - dent a - bove the hor-

T. B.  
When the Day-Star of Ba - há will shine re-splen - dent a - bove the hor-

124

S.A.  
i - zon of e - ter - ni - ty ——— it is in - cum - bent u-pon

T. B.  
i - zon of e - ter - ni - ty ——— it is in - cum - bent u-pon

129 SA SWB 212

S.A.  
you to pre-sent your - selves be - fore His Throne. ...on that

T. B.  
you to pre-sent your - selves be - fore His Throne.



133 Tutti

S.A.  
Day all the re - ve - la - tions of di - vine boun - ty shall cir - cle a - round the

T. B.  
shall cir - cle a - round the



137

S.A. 
  
Seat of His glor-y, His glor-y and e-ma-nate from His pres-ence...
   
T. B. 
  
Seat of His glor-y, His glor-y and e-ma-nate from His pres-ence...



142 SSAA SWB 102

S.A. 
  
...those en-dowed with the eyes of the spir-it cir-cle like moths 'round the



145  $\text{♩}=95$  SWB 128

S.A. 
  
Light of Truth un-til they are con-sumed...." their hearts are thrilled with awe at the


151  $\text{♩}=90$  Tutti SWB 171

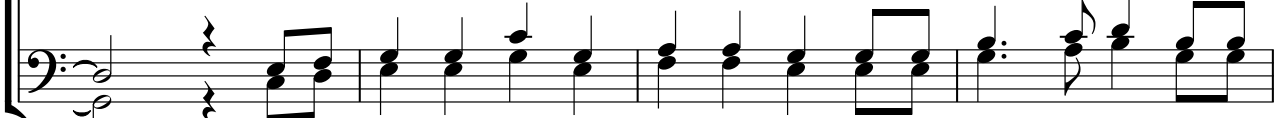
S.A. 
  
men-tion of God." Wert thou to o-pen the heart of a sing-le soul by
   
T. B. 
  
Wert thou to o-pen the heart of a sing-le soul by

157


S.A. 
  
help-ing him to em-brace the Cause of Him Whom God shall make man-i-fest,\_\_\_
   
T. B. 
  
help-ing him to em-brace the Cause of Him Whom God shall make man-i-fest,\_\_\_


161

S.A.    
 — thine in - most be - ing would be filled with the in - spir - a - tions of


T. B.    
 — thine in - most be - ing would be filled with the in - spir - a - tions of


165 SWB 183

S.A.    
 that aug - ust Name... Ver - i - ly God trans - mu - teth fire in - to


T. B.    
 that aug - ust Name... Ver - i - ly God trans - mu - teth fire in - to

168

S.A.    
 light as He will-eth and in - deed po - tent is He o - ver all things.

T. B.    
 light as He wil-leth and in - deed po - tent is He o - ver all things.

172 SSA SWB 82

S.A.    
 God be - sides Whom there is none o - ther true God, sa - ith:

175  $\text{♩}=70$  Tutti

S.A. In - deed who - so vi - si - teth the Re - mem - brance of God\_

T. B. In - deed who - so vi - si - teth the Re - mem - brance of God\_

178 Tutti

S.A. — af - ter His pas - sing, — it is as though he hath at - tained

T. B. Bass only — af - ter His pas - sing — it is as though he hath at - tained

181

S.A. — the pre - sence of the Lord, — seat - ed u - pon His might - y Throne.

T. B. — the pre - sence of the Lord, — seat - ed u - pon His might - y Throne.

184 rit. . . . .

S.A. Ver - i - ly, this is the Way of God, the Most Ex - al - ted,...

T. B. Ver - i - ly this is the way of God, the Most Ex - al - ted,...

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 music staves by the letters "SWB", meaning  
 'Selections from the Writings of the Báb'.  
 The letters are followed by the page number in the text.

This composition completes the book of choral works entitled 'Songs of Heaven'.  
 It may be used in concert with the other two pieces in the book, or sung independently.