

Tender Plant

A children's prayer by 'Abdu'l-Bahá
for SSA and piano

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Always joyful (♩ = ca. 81)

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-5) features Soprano 1 and Piano. The piano accompaniment is marked *mp* and includes the instruction *cantando*. The vocal line for Soprano 1 is marked *mp* and includes the instruction *simile & sempre legato*. The lyrics for Soprano 1 are "O Lord! I". The second system (measures 6-10) features Soprano 1 and Piano. The lyrics for Soprano 1 are "am a child; en - a - ble me to grow be - neath the sha - dow of Thy lo - ving kind - ness." The piano accompaniment continues. The third system (measures 11-15) features Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto, and Piano. The lyrics for Soprano 1 are "Thy lo - ving kind - ness." and "O Lord! I am a child; en -". The lyrics for Soprano 2 are "O Lord! I am a child; en -". The lyrics for Alto are "O Lord! I am a child; en -". The piano accompaniment continues.

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S 1
a-ble me to grow be - neath _____ the sha-dow of Thy lo-ving kind - ness. Thy lo - ving

S 2
a-ble me to grow be - neath _____ the sha-dow of Thy lo-ving kind - ness. Thy lo - ving

A
a-ble me to grow be - neath _____ the sha-dow of Thy lo-ving kind - ness. Thy lo - ving

Pno.

20

S 1
kind - ness.

S 2
kind - ness. *mp* I am a ten-der plant; cause me to be nur - tured

A
kind - ness.

Pno.
dolce & molto legato
meno f

25

S 1
I am a ten-der plant; cause me to be nur - tured

S 2
I am a ten-der plant; cause me to be nur - tured

A
I am a ten-der plant; cause me to be nur - tured nur - tured

Pno.
poco piu *sempre cantando*

30

Pno.
pociss. rall.

34

S 1
mf I am a sap - ling of the gar - den of love;

S 2
mf I am a sap - sap - ling of the gar - den of love; of love;

A
mf I am a sap - ling of the gar - den of love;

Pno.
mf

38

S 1
make me in - to a fruit-ful tree. a — fruit - ful tree. —

S 2
make me in - to a fruit-ful fruit-ful tree. a — fruit - ful tree. — *mp* I am a

A
make me in - to a fruit-ful tree. a — fruit - ful tree. — *p* Ooh —

Pno.
mp dolce & cantando

43

S 1
mp I am a ten-der plant;

S 2
ten-der plant; cause me to be nur - tured *mp* I am a ten-der plant;

A
mp I am a ten-der plant;

Pno.
poco piu

Slowly building up

48

S 1
cause me to be nur - tured *mp* ooh

S 2
cause me to be nur - tured *mp* I am a ten-der plant;

A
cause me to be nur - tured nur - tured *mp* ooh

Pno.

53

S 1
ooh ooh ah I am a ten-der plant;

S 2
cause me to be nur - tured ah I am a ten-der plant;

A
ooh ooh ah I am a ten-der plant;

Pno.

58

S 1
cause me to be nur - tured be

S 2
cause me to be nur - tured be

A
cause me to be nur - tured nur - tured be

Pno.
espressivo

63

S 1
nur - tured through the out - pou-rings of the clouds of Thy boun - ty.

S 2
nur - tured through the out - pou-rings of the clouds of Thy boun - ty.

A
nur - tured nur-tured though the out - pou-rings of the clouds of Thy boun - ty.

Pno.

68 *With energy*

S 1 *mf* Thou art the Migh - ty

S 2 *mf* Thou art the Migh - ty

A *mf* Thou art the Migh - ty

Pno. *dim.* *mf*

73

S 1 — and the Po-wer-ful, Thou art the Migh - ty — and the

S 2 — and the Po-wer-ful, Thou art the Migh - ty — and the

A — and the Po-wer-ful, Thou art the Migh - ty — and the

Pno.

78

S 1
Po-wer-ful, and Thou art *cresc.* the All - Lo - ving, the All - Know - ing, the All - See - ing. *f*

S 2
Po-wer-ful, and Thou art *cresc.* the All - Lo - ving, the All - Know - ing, the All - See - ing. *f*

A
Po-wer-ful, and Thou art *cresc.* the All - Lo - ving, the All - Know - ing, the All - See - ing. All - *f*

Pno.

83

S 1
the All - See - ing. *f* O Lord! I am a child; en -

S 2
the All - See - ing. *f* O Lord! I am a child; en -

A
See - ing. the All - See - ing. All - See - ing. *f* O Lord! I am a child; en -

Pno.

88

S 1
a - ble me to grow be - neath the sha - dow of Thy lo - ving kind - ness.

S 2
a - ble me to grow be - neath the sha - dow of Thy lo - ving kind - ness.

A
a - ble me to grow be - neath the sha - dow of Thy lo - ving kind - ness.

Pno.

92

A bit slower & rit.

S 1
Thy lo - ving kind - ness. *meno f* Thy lo - ving kind - ness.

S 2
Thy lo - ving kind - ness. *meno f* Thy lo - ving kind - ness.

A
Thy lo - ving kind - ness. *meno f* Thy lo - ving kind - ness.

Pno.