

with warmest regards, for the William Baker Festival Singers of Kansas City, in celebration
of their 15th master season, Dr. William O. Baker, Founder and Music Director

Performance Time
Approx 5 minutes

A Faint Display of Heaven

for unaccompanied mixed chorus

Charlotte Richardson
(1775-1825)

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(b. 1977)

Soft falls the shower, the thunders cease!
And see the messenger of peace
 Illumes the eastern skies;
Blest sign of firm unchanging love!
While others seek the cause to prove,
 That bids thy beauties rise.

My soul, content with humbler views,
Well pleased admires thy varied hues,
 And can with joy behold
Thy beauteous form, and wondering gaze
Enraptured on thy mingled rays
 Of purple, green, and gold.

Enough for me to deem divine
The hand that paints each glowing line;
 To think that thou art given
A transient gleam of that bright place
Where Beauty owns celestial grace,
 A faint display of Heaven.

With Humble Joy, ♩=60

The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in 4/4 time and begins with a dynamic marking of *p* (piano). The Soprano and Alto parts have lyrics: "Well pleased, with joy be - hold". The Tenor part has lyrics: "Rain - bow 'rap-tured on thy rays of gold." The Bass part has lyrics: "My soul can with joy be- hold 'rap-tured on thy rays of gold." The score includes a large blue watermark that reads "On Screen Only".

6 *mp*
 Soft falls the show-er, the thund - ers cease! And see the mes-sen - ger of__
mp
 Soft falls the show-er, the thund - ers__ cease! see the mes-sen - ger of
 8
 Soft falls the show-er, the thund - ers__ cease! see the rain of
 Soft falls the show-er, the thun - ders cease! see the rain of

12 *mf* *mp* **A** *mp*
 peace il - lumes the east-ern skies; Blest sign of
mf *mp* *mp*
 peace il - lumes the east-ern skies; Blest sign of
 8 *mf* *mp* *p*
 peace il - lumes the east-ern skies;
mf *mp* *p*
 mes - sen - ger that bids thy beau-ties rise
 peace il - lumes the east-ern skies;

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17 *mf* *mp*
 un - chang-ing love! that bids thy beau - ties
 un - chang-ing love! that bids thy beau - ties
 8 *mf*
 While oth - ers seek the cause to prove,
 seek the cause to prove,

22 *poco rit.* **B** *a tempo* *mp*
 rise. My soul, con - tent with humb - ler views,
 rise. Well pleased ad
 8 *mp* *p*
 thy beau - ties rise.
 thy beau - ties rise.

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And can with joy be - hold Thy
 mires thy var-ied hues, with joy be - hold Thy

32

mf form, and wond - 'ring gaze *pp*
mf form, and wond - 'ring gaze *pp*
mf En-rap-tured on thy min-gled rays of
mf Thy beau-teous form, and wond-'ring gaze *mf* of

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mf

f gold.

mp

pur - ple, green, and gold. (gold.)

mf

f

mp

pur - ple, green, and gold. En-rap-tured

f

p

pur - ple, green, and gold. (gold.)

f

pur - ple, green, and gold.

C Tempo I (♩=60)

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of gold

of gold *mp* E-nough for me to

of gold

mp

on thy min-gled rays of gold *mp* E-nough for me to

mp

E - nough for me to

mp

E - nough for me to

mp

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to deem di - vine

deem di - vine the hand that paints each glow - ing line; to think that thou art

deem di - vine hand that paints each glow - ing line; to think that thou art

deem di - vine hand paints glow - ing line; to think that thou art

deem di - vine hand paints glow - ing line; to think that thou art

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D

giv - en A tran - si - ent gleam of that bright place_

giv - - en A tran - si - ent gleam of that bright place_

giv - - en a gleam of that bright place_

thy hand paints each glow - ing line;_

giv - - en

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gaining energy, poco accel

mf

A tran - si - ent gleam of that bright place

p

mf

Beau - ty owns grace, A tran - si - ent gleam of that bright place

mf

mp

mf

Where Beau - ty owns ce - les - tial grace, a gleam A gleam where

mf

mp

mf

Where Beau - ty owns ce - les - tial grace, a gleam A gleam where

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E In Awesome Wonder, ♩=52

f

ff

(1-2 voices)

mp

Where beau - ty owns ce - les - tial grace, A faint dis - play of Hea -

f

ff

mp

Where beau - ty owns ce - les - tial grace, A faint dis - play of Hea -

f

ff

mp

Beau - ty owns ce - les - tial grace, A faint dis - play of Hea -

f

ff

mp

Beau - ty owns ce - les - tial grace, A faint dis - play of Hea -

