

The Last Words of David

For Four-part Chorus of Men's Voices

(With Orchestral* or Piano Accompaniment)

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Samuel, xxiii, 3, 4

Maestoso (♩ = 60) *ff*

TENOR I
He that rul-eth o-ver

TENOR II
He that rul-eth o-ver

BASS I
He that rul-eth o-ver

BASS II
He that rul-eth o-ver

PIANO
Maestoso (♩ = 60) *ff*

men must be just, must be

men must be just, must be

men must be just, must be

men must be just, must be

men must be just, must be

Red. *

(l.h.)

Red. *

Red. *

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fff p cresc.

just, — must be just, —

fff p cresc.

just, — must be just, —

fff p cresc.

just, — must be just, —

fff p cresc.

just, — must be just, —

fff p cresc.

(l.h.)

fff p cresc.

ff * *ff* *

f cresc.

f cresc.

f cresc.

f cresc.

① *ff* *Mosso* *rall.*

rul-ing in the fear of

ff *rall.*

rul-ing in the fear of

ff *rall.*

rul-ing in the fear of

ff *rall.*

rul-ing in the fear of

f p cresc.

(r.h.)

ff ① *Mosso* *rall.*

ff

ff

ff

ff

a tempo primo *Mosso* *rall*

God, _____ rul-ing in the fear of

a tempo primo *rall*

God, _____ rul-ing in the fear of

a tempo primo *rall*

God, _____ rul-ing in the fear of

a tempo primo *rall*

God, _____ rul-ing in the fear of

a tempo primo *Mosso* *(rall.)*

ff mp cresc. *f*

a tempo primo *rall* *sfs p* *pp* **2** *Largo* (♩=48)

God, the fear of God. _____

a tempo primo *rall* *sfs p* *pp*

God, the fear of God. _____

a tempo primo *rall* *sfs p* *pp*

God, the fear of God. _____

a tempo primo *rall* *sfs p* *pp*

God, the fear of God. _____

(a tempo primo) *rall.* **2** *Largo* (♩=48)

pp *pp (r.h.)* *espressivo* *p* *mp* *pp*

3 *pp*

And he shall be as the light of the morn-in

And he shall be as the light of the morn-ing,

And he shall be as the light of the morn-ing,

And he shall be as the light of the morn-ing,

3

p (*r. h.*) *(l. h.)* *mp* *pp*

poco cresc.

when the sun _____ ris - - eth, e - ven a

poco cresc.

when the sun _____ ris - - eth, e - ven a

poco cresc.

when the sun _____ ris - - eth, e - ven a

poco cresc.

when the sun _____ ris - - eth, e - ven a

chiaro

poco cresc.

mf cresc.

f dim mp p cresc.

morn - ing with-out clouds; — as the ten-der grass spring-ing out of the

f dim mp p cresc.

morn - ing with-out clouds; — as the ten-der grass spring-ing out of the

f dim mp p cresc.

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f dim mp p cresc.

morn - ing with-out clouds; — as the ten-der grass spring-ing out of the

f dim mp p cresc.

*led *led *led led * led *led

f ff

earth — by clear shin - - - ing.

f ff

earth — by clear shin - - - ing.

f ff

earth by clear shin - - - ing

f ff

earth by clear shin - - - ing.

f ff

*led *led *

⑤ *meno f* *mf* *p poco rall.*

af-ter rain, af-ter rain, af - - ter

meno f *mf* *p poco rall.*

af-ter rain, af-ter rain, af - - ter

meno f *mf* *p poco rall.*

af-ter rain, af-ter rain, af - - ter

meno f *mf* *p poco rall.*

af-ter rain, af-ter rain, af - - ter

⑤ *sfz meno f* *mf* *mp dim.* *poco rall.*

red. **red.* **red.* **red.* *red.*

⑥ Poco più lento (♩=44)

rain. _____

rain. _____

rain. _____

rain. _____

pp *p*

Al - le - lu - - -

⑥ Poco più lento (♩=44)

p *mp* *pp* *p* *pp*

p *mp* *pp* *p*

pp *p*

*

pp *p* *mp*
Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-

pp *p* *pp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp*
Al - le-lu - - ia, al-le-lu - - ia, al-le-lu - ia

pp *p* *mp* *p* *mp*
Al - le-lu - - ia, al-le-lu - ia,

pp *p* *mp* *p*
ia, al - le-lu - - ia, al-le - lu -

p *pp* *(pp)* *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

Red. *

mp *mf* *p* *mp* *mp*
lu - - - ia, al - le - lu -

mp *mf* *p* *mp*
al - le - lu - - ia al - le - lu -

mp *mf* *p* *mp*
al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu -

mp *mf* *p* *mp*
ia, al - le - lu -

p *pp*

[*p* : -]

Red. *

7 Sostenuto

p mp legato

ia. al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia, —

ia. A - - - - men, a - - - -

ia. A - - - - men, a - - - -

ia. A - - - - men, a - - - -

7 Sostenuto

pp (pp)

8

mf mp p dim.

al - le - lu - ia. —

men, a - - - - men, a - - - - men.

men, a - - - - men, a - - - - men.

men, a - - - - men, a - - - - men.

8

pp p dim. p pp

mp (r.h.)

vuoto

*Ped. **
(Sustaining Ped.)

*Ped. **