

SCORE

Joseph Smith's First Prayer

for SATB, with optional SSAA, and piano

Music by:
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Lyrics by:
George Manwaring, 1854–1889
A. C. Smyth, 1840–1909

Solo, or men unison

mp

Freely, with wonder ♩ = 76

The musical score is written for Tenor Bass (TB) and Piano. It consists of four systems of music. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with the tempo marking 'Freely, with wonder ♩ = 76' and the dynamic marking 'mp'. The TB part starts with a rest followed by a melodic line. The piano accompaniment begins with a bass line and a treble line. The lyrics 'Oh, how' are written under the TB staff. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with lyrics 'love - ly was the morn - ing! Ra - diant beamed the sun a - bove. Bees were'. The third system has lyrics 'hum - ming, sweet birds sing - ing, Mu - sic ring - ing thru the grove, When with -'. The fourth system concludes with lyrics 'in the shad - y wood - land Jo - seph sought the God of love, When with -'. The piano part features a consistent accompaniment throughout, with some chordal textures in the treble and a steady bass line.

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TB

in the shad - y wood - land _____ Jo - seph sought the

21

TB

God of love. _____

Women, unison or optional SSA

25 *mp*

SA

Hum-bly kneel - ing, sweet ap - peal - ing— 'Twas the boy's first ut - tered

29

SA

prayer— When the pow'rs of sin as - sail - ing Filled his soul with deep de -

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33 *mf*

SA spair; But un - daunt - ed, still he trust - ed In his Heav'n - ly Fa - ther's

37

SA care, But un - daunt-ed, still he trust - ed

42

SA In his Heav'n - ly Fa - ther's care.

48 *rit.* *f*

SA *f* Sud - den -

TB *f* Sud - den -

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52 *a tempo*

SA
ly a light de - scend - ed, Bright - er far than noon - day sun, And a

TB
ly a light de - scend - ed, Bright - er far than noon - day sun, And a

52 *f a tempo*

56

SA
shin - ing, glo - rious pil - lar O'er him fell, a - round him shone, While ap -

TB
shin - ing, glo - rious pil - lar O'er him fell, a - round him shone, While ap -

56

60

SA
peared two heav'n - ly be - ings, God the Fa - ther and the Son,

TB
peared two heav'n - ly be - ings, God the Fa - ther and the Son,

60

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64

SA While ap - peared two heav'n - ly be - ings, God the Fa - ther

TB While ap - peared two heav'n - ly be - ings, God the Fa - ther

64

68

SA and the Son.

TB and the Son.

68

73

TB *mp* "Jo - seph, this is my Be - lov - ed; Hear him!"

73

79

SA *mp* Oh, how sweet the word! Jo-seph's hum - ble prayer was an - swered, And he

TB Jo-seph's hum - ble prayer was an - swered, And he

79

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83 *cresc. poco a poco*

SA
lis-tened to the Lord. Oh, what rap - ture filled his bo - som, For he saw the liv-ing

TB
lis-tened to the Lord. Oh, what rap - ture filled his bo - som, For he saw the liv-ing

83 *cresc. poco a poco*

88 *ff*

SA
God, _____ Oh, what rap - ture filled his bo - som, For he saw, _____
For he

TB
ff
God, _____ Oh, what rap - ture filled his bo - som,

88 *ff*

93 *rit.* *ff*

SA
— for he saw the liv - ing God. _____
saw, for he saw the liv - ing God. _____

TB
For he saw the liv - ing God. _____

93 *rit.* *ff*

CHORAL SCORE

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mp

TB  Oh, how love - ly was the morn - ing! Ra - diant

7 TB  beamed the sun a - bove. Bees were hum - ming, sweet birds sing - ing, Mu - sic

11 TB  ring - ing thru the grove, When with - in the shad - y wood - land Jo - seph

15 TB  sought the God of love, _____ When with - in the shad - y wood - land _____

19 TB  _____ Jo - seph sought the God of love. _____

Women, unison or optional SSA
mp

25 SA  Hum - bly kneel - ing, sweet ap - peal - ing— 'Twas the boy's first ut - tered

29 SA  prayer— When the pow'rs of sin as - sail - ing Filled his soul with deep de -

33 SA  spair; But un - daunt - ed, still he trust - ed In his Heav'n - ly Fa - ther's

37 SA  care, _____ But un - daunt - ed, still he trust - ed _____ In his

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SA Heav'n - ly Fa - ther's care. _____ **4**

51 *rit.* *f* *a tempo*

SA Sud-den - ly a light de - scend - ed, Bright-er far than noon-day sun, And a

TB *f*

Sud-den - ly a light de - scend - ed, Bright-er far than noon-day sun, And a

56

SA shin - ing, glo - rious pil - lar O'er him fell, a - round him shone, While ap -

TB shin - ing, glo - rious pil - lar O'er him fell, a - round him shone, While ap -

60

SA peared two heav'n - ly be - ings, God the Fa - ther and the Son, _____

TB peared two heav'n - ly be - ings, God the Fa - ther and the Son, _____

64

SA — While ap - peared two heav'n - ly be - ings, God the Fa - ther

TB — While ap - peared two heav'n - ly be - ings, God the Fa - ther

68

SA and the Son. _____ **3**

TB and the Son. _____ **3**

76 *mp*

SA Oh, how sweet the word! Jo-seph's

TB *mp*

"Jo - seph, this is my Be - lov - ed; Hear him!" Jo-seph's

81 *cresc. poco a poco*

SA hum - ble prayer was an - swered, And he lis - tened to the Lord. Oh, what

TB hum - ble prayer was an - swered, And he lis - tened to the Lord. Oh, what

85 *ff*

SA rap - ture filled his bo - som, For he saw the liv - ing God, _____ Oh, what

TB rap - ture filled his bo - som, For he saw the liv - ing God, _____ Oh, what

90

SA rap - ture filled his bo - som, For he saw, _____ For he

TB rap - ture filled his bo - som, _____

93 *rit.* *ff*

SA _____ for he saw the liv - ing God. _____
saw, for he saw the liv - ing God. _____

TB _____ *ff* _____

For he saw the liv - ing God. _____