

O God, Whose Hand Hath Spread the Sky

Pope St. Gregory the Great (540 - 604)

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Solemnly ♩ = 96

The score is written for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano. The tempo is marked 'Solemnly' with a quarter note equal to 96 beats per minute. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and the time signature is common time (C). The piano part begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The vocal parts enter with a forte (*f*) dynamic at measure 5. The lyrics are: 'O God, whose hand hath spread the sky, and all its shining hosts on'. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand and block chords in the left hand.

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Piano

mf

5 *f*
S O God, whose hand hath spread the sky, and all its shin - ing hosts on
A O God whose hand hath spread the sky, and all its shin - ing hosts on
T
B

Pno. *f*

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2
9

S high,

A high,

T *f*
and paint it with your fier - y light, mak - ing it beau - 'teous

B *f*
and paint it with your fier - y light, mak - ing it beau - 'teous

Pno.

13

S *mf*
Thou, when the

A *mf*
Thou, when the

T *f*
and so bright:

B and so bright:

Pno. *mf*

17

S
fourth day was be - gun didst frame the cir - cle of the

A
fourth day was be - gun didst frame the cir - cle of the

T
8

B

Pno.

21

S
sun,

A
sun,

T
8 *mf*
and set the moon for or - dered change, and plan - ets

B
mf
and set the moon for or - dered change, and plan - ets

Pno.

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4

25

S
A
T
B

for their wi - der range:
for their wi - der range:

Pno.

25

29

S
A
T
B

To night and day, by cer - tain
To night ad day, by cer - tain

Pno.

29

33

S *f* and gav'st a sign,

A *f* and gav'st a sign,

T line, their var-'ying bounds Thou didst as - sign

B line, — their var-'ying bounds Thou didst as - sign

Pno.

37

S to know and meet, for months be-gun and months com-plete.

A to know and meet, for months be-gun and months com-plete.

T

B

Pno.

41

S

A

T

B

mf

En-light - en Thou the hearts of men:

mf

En-light - en Thou the hearts of men:

Pno.

45

S

A

T

B

mf

un - loose the bands of

mf

un - loose the bands of

8

pol - lut - ed souls make pure a - gain:

pol - lut - ed souls make pure a - gain:

Pno.

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49

S

guilt with - in: re-move the bur - den of our sin. *rit.*

A

guilt with - in: re-move the bur - den of our sin.

T

B

Pno.

53 **Adagio** ♩ = 76

S

A

T

B

Pno.

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57 *f*

S Grant this, O Fa-ther, ev-er One with Christ, Thy sole be-got-ten Son,

A Grant this, O Fa-ther, ev-er One with Christ, Thy sole be-got-ten Son,

T *f*
8 Grant this, O Fa-ther, ev-er One with Christ, Thy sole be-got-ten Son,

B *f* Grant this, O Fa-ther, ev-er One with Christ, Thy sole be-got-ten Son,

57

Pno.

61

S Whom, with the spir-it we a-dore, one God, both now and ev-er-more. A-men. *mp*

A Whom, with the spir-it we a-dore, one God, both now and ev-er-more. A-men. *mp*

T *f*
8 Whom, with the spir-it we a-dore, one God, both now and ev-er-more. A-men. *mp*

B Whom, with the spir-it we a-dore, one God, both now and ev-er-more. A-men. *mp*

61

Pno.