

# Above the Brightness of the Sun

SATB with Piano & Flute (opt.)

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Piano introduction in 4/4 time, starting at a tempo of 70. The music is in a minor key. The piano part features a melodic line in the right hand and a harmonic accompaniment in the left hand. Dynamics include *mf*, *rit.*, *ten.*, *a tempo*, and *f*.

Vs. 1 Women, Vs. 2 Men:  
(Alto and Bass tacet as needed.)

First verse of the song. The vocal line (Vs. 1 Women, Vs. 2 Men) begins at measure 6. The piano accompaniment continues from the introduction. The lyrics are: "All the world in shadow lay, All the world was unaware,". Dynamics include *mp*.

Second verse of the song. The vocal line begins at measure 12. The piano accompaniment continues. The lyrics are: "Ev'ry search for truth unending, Long the age bereft of Heaven's voice, As the word of life was spoken, As a simple boy of tender years". Dynamics include *mp*.

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16 18 *Women (2nd time only);* 20

*mp* Ah - - - ,

Long the age de-nied His pow'r. *mf* Then with- in a si- lent grove, Jo- seph pled for un- der-  
 heard the long- a- wai- ted truth. There with- in that hal- lowed grove, Hea- ven hath the si- lence

22 24

Ah - - - , Ah - - -

stand- ing, Of- fer - ing a- loud his hum- ble prayer, Speak- ing all his heart's de-  
 bro- ken, God speaks once a- gain to mor- tal man. Hear his voice, oh sons of

26 28

Soprano/Alto  
 (both verses): Not though the pow'rs of hell a- rose to bid the gates of  
 Be- hold the skies with glo- ry riv'n, Be hold the might and

Tenor/Bass  
 (Both verses): *mf*

sire,  
 earth!

30

Heav'n be closed could e- vil's wrath re- strain and the hand of  
 pow'r of heav'n, Be- hold! the Fa- ther and the Son, The

32

God, who thus ap- peared to man: *a tempo*  
 glo- rious day of truth has dawned, A- bove the bright-ness of the sun,

*f* *rit.* *a tempo*

36

Pur- er than the ra- diant morn- ing, Hea- ven's-per-fect light,  
 (Pur- er than morn- ing) Ban- ish ing the night with (hea- ven's light,)

38

40 Clear-er than the new day's dawn-ing, The Fa-ther spake and Christ our Lord re-  
 (re-

44 stored to man his Fa-ther's king- dom, The light of truth shines forth up- on the earth, a-  
 stored his Fa-ther's king- dom, The truth shines forth)

48 bove the bright-ness of the sun. sun.

1. 50 52 2.

*mf* *rit.*

Flute:

54 *mf* 56 *f*

58 60

62 *mf* *a tempo* 64

*poco rit* Not though the pow'rs of hell a-rise in vain to seal the

*poco rit* *mf* *a tempo*

*poco rit* *mf* *a tempo*

66 clo- ven skies shall re- ve- la- tion cease to shine and fill the earth with

68

*f*



70 *rit.* truth di- vine, A- *a tempo* bove the bright-ness of the sun, Pur-er than the ra- diant

72 (Pu- rer than

*rit.* *a tempo*

*rit.* *a tempo*



(mor- ning - )

74 mor - ning, Ban- ish- ing the night with heaven's perfect light, Clear- er than the new day's

mor- ning,) (hea- ven's light,)

76

78 dawn- ing, The Fa- ther speaks and Christ our Lord shall e- ver guide his Fa- ther's

(shall guide his Fa- ther's

80

