

PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN

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For the 1996 Georgia All-State Junior High Mixed Chorus

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Performance time: 5:15

Freely, with much feeling (♩ = ca. 52)

Tenor
Bass
Soprano
Alto

*) Alternate text: Who will

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9 *f*

help me to see the morn - in' light of one more day. But if

f *unis.*

11 *mp* **Tempo 1** *mf*

I should die be - fore I wake, I pray my soul to take. Can you

mp

13 *mf*

feel the hearts of the chil - dren, ach - ing for

15 *unis.*

home, for some - thing of their ver - y own? Reach - ing

17

hands with noth - ing to hold on to, but hope for a

With intensity

19

bet - ter day, a bet - ter day. Cry - in' *Je - sus

21

help me to feel the love a - gain in my own land, but if

23

un - known roads lead a - way from home, give me lov - ing arms, 'way from harm.

** Briskly, with growing intensity

26

Woh lah dah dah dohm, lah dah lah dah dohm, Ooh

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**) Utilize energetic intensity to achieve briskness, waiting until meas. 29 to increase tempo.

***) close to *mmm* sound on *dohm* each time.

Slightly faster ♩ = 80

soprano div.

Tempo 1

29 *ff* *dim. e rit.* *mp*

Woh doh doh dah dah doh. Can you

33 *ten.* *p hushed*

hear the voice of the chil - dren, soft - ly

35 *ff* *sfz* *unis.*

plead - ing for si - lence in their shat - tered world? An - gry

Resolute

Warmer, smoothly

37 *ff* *cresc.* *unis.*

guns preach a gos - pel full of hate, blood of the in - no - cent on their

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