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*) Alternative text: Who will

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PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN

For the 1996 Georgia All-State summer High Mixed Chorus

for helping bring this work to light.

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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 *mf*
 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 *f*

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

23 *dim. e rit.* **Slowly**

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

dim. e rit.

**** Briskly, with growing intensity**

26 *mf*

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

n.b. *cresc.* *poco rit.*

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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.

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

Woh ____ doh ____ doh ____ dah ____ dah dah doh. ____ Can you ____

33 **ff** **dim. e rit.**

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

35 **ff** **sfx unis.**

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

Resolute

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

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

Warmer, smoothly

**) The break should be only as long as a breath (a gasp), then continue in tempo.
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Rubato

47 *mp* *p* *rit. e dim.* *morendo* *morendo* *morendo*

Can you hear pray'r of the chil
dren?

47 *mp* *p* *rit. e dim.* *morendo*

Can you hear pray'r of the chil
dren?

cresc. *cresc.* *cresc.* *cresc.*

chev - ye lay say day chay mo - leet - way?
ceu - je te sive die cie mol - it - ve?

45

rit. e dim. *mp* *pp* *rit. e dim.* *mp* *pp*

dark - ness clears I know you're near, bring - ing peace a - gain, Da - ll -

Slowly *units.* *units.* *units.* *units.* *units.* *units.*

43 *tempo*

mp *ff* *units.* *units.* *units.* *units.* *units.* *units.*

hands. Cry - in' *je - sus, help me to feel the sun a - gain - up - on my face. For when

40 *mp* *ff*



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