

GOD'S GRANDEUR

for a capella choir

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The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

- **Gerard Manley Hopkins**

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With wonderment and intensity

♩ = c. 60

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

p *fp* *mp* *sfzp* *mf*

The world is charged charged

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charged

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S.

A.

T.

B.

f *ff* *f* *ff* *mf* *f* *sfz*

with the gran - - deur of God. It will

with the gran - - deur of God. It will

with the gran - - deur of God. It will

with the gran - - deur of God. It will flame

9 *sfzp* *ff* *p*

S. flame out, like

A. flame out, flame out, *f* *mp*

T. flame out, flame out, like *pp*

B. *mp* *ff* *f* *p*

out, flame out,

13 *mp* *pp*

S. shin - - - ing from shook foil; It

A. *p* *mp* *pp* *mp*

T. *p* *mp* *pp* *mp*

B. *p* *mp* *pp* *mp*

shin - - - ing from shook foil; It

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S. *mf*
ga - - - thers to a great - ness, like the

A. *mf*
ga - - - thers to a great - ness, like the

T. *mf*
ga - thers to a great - - - ness, like the

B. *mf*
ga - thers to a great - - - ness, like the

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S. *f* *mp*
ooze of oil

A. *f* *mp*
ooze of oil

T. *f* *mp*
ooze of oil

B. *f* *mp*
ooze of oil

24

S. *Crushed.* *pp* Why *p* do

A. *Crushed.* do

Crushed. *p* Why do

T. *Crushed.*

B. *Crushed.* *Crushed.*

Crushed. *Crushed.*

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S. *mp* men then now not reck his rod? *mf* Ge - ner -

A. *mp* men then now not reck his rod? *mf* Ge - ner -

mp men then now not reck his rod? *mf* Ge - ner -

T. *mf* Ge - ner -

B. Ge - ner -

31 5

f

S. a - tions have trod, have trod

f

A. a - tions have trod, have trod, have trod,

f

A. a - tions have trod, have trod, have

f

A. a - tions have trod, have trod have

f *mf* *mp*

T. a - tions have trod, have trod have

f

T. a - tions have trod, trod have

B.

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p

S. have trod, have trod,

p

A. trod, have trod, have trod have

p

T. trod, have trod, have trod have

mp *mf*

B. And all is seared with

mp *mf*

B. And all is seared with

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S.

A.

T.

B.

trod, bleared, smeared with toil; And

trod, bleared, smeared with toil; And

trade; bleared, smeared with toil; And

trade; bleared, smeared with toil; And

mf *f*

42

S.

A.

T.

B.

wears man's smudge man's smell:

wears man's smudge man's smell:

wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the

wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the

ff *mp* *ff* *mp* *ff* *mf*

46 *mp* *p* *rit.* 7

S. the soil Is bare now, shod. unis.

A. the soil Is bare now, shod.

T. nor can foot feel shod. nor can foot feel, be-ing shod.

B. soil shod. soil shod.

A Tempo, with renewed hopefulness

51 *pp* *p* *mp* *mp*

S. And for all this, na - ture is

A. And for all this, na - ture is

T. for all this, 'n na - ture is

B. for all this, 'n na -

8 57 *mf* *fp*

S. ne - ver_ spent_ na - ture is ne - ver spe - - en*

A. ne - ver spent_ There *mf*

T. 8 ne - ver spent 'n na-ture is_ ne - ver ne - ver spent There *mf* *f*

B. 8 ne - ver spent_ is ne - ver spent;_ There *mf* *f*

B. - - - - ture is ne - ver spent;_ ne - ver spen* 'n *mf* *fp*

B. unis. ture is ne - ver spent;_ ne - ver spen* *mf* *fp*

63

S. 'n

A. lives the dear-est fresh-ness deep_ down 'n *p*

T. 8 lives the dear-est fresh-ness deep_ down things; *mf*

B. 'n There lives the dear-est fresh ness *mp* unis.

* closed 'n

poco rit. . . A Tempo, impassioned!

67

S. *mp* *mf molto* *sempre f*
 deep down things; And though the

A. *mp* *mf molto* *sempre f*
 deep down things; And though the

T. *pp* *mp* *mf molto* *sempre f*
 'n deep down things; And though the

B. *mf molto* *sempre f*
 deep down things; And though the

72

S. last lights off the black West went Oh, morn - ing at the

A. last lights the black West went Oh, morn - ing at the

T. last lights off the black West went Oh, morn - ing at the

B. last lights off the black West went Oh, morn - ing at the

75

S. brown brink east- ward, springs-- Be - cause the

A. brown brink east- ward, springs-- Be - cause the

T. brown brink east- ward, springs-- Be - cause the

B. brown brink east- ward springs-- Be - cause the

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S. Ho - - - - ly Ghost o-ver the *ff*

A. Ho - - - - ly Ghost o-ver the *ff*

T. Ho - - - - ly Ghost o-ver the *ff*

B. Ho - - - - ly Ghost o-ver the *ff*

80

S.

bent World broods with warm breast and with

A.

bent World broods with warm breast and with

T.

bent World broods with warm breast and with

B.

bent World broods with warm breast and with

11

molto rall. *mf*

84

S.

ah! ah! bright wings.

A.

ah! bright wings.

T.

ah! bright wings.

B.

ah! bright wings.