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Bright Dawn

for SSAATB choir

About the Piece

Each day, the break of dawn brings the possibility of new hopes and ventures. As I composed “To the Dawn”, in the summer before senior year, I had a routine of waking when the red light of sunrise came through my window: I would spend each morning at my desk creating music or writing stories. The dawn represented a clean start, and whatever frustrations took place in the progress of the day, I could always look forward to the dawn to come. I was greatly inspired by the works of composer Andrea Ramsay, which dwell on unique topics of strength, often in connection with nature. “To the Dawn” is a component of my senior capstone project for my high school’s honors program, composed for the high school chamber choir, a twenty-piece audition-based acapella group.

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Grave

Soprano Solo *p* *penseroso* *mf*
Bright dawn_dawn of new day. Bright dawn dawn of

Alto Solo *p* *penseroso* *mf*
Bright dawn_dawn of new day. Bright dawn dawn of

Tenor Solo *p* *penseroso* *mf*
Bright dawn_dawn of new day. Dawn dawn of

Bass Solo *mp* *penseroso* *mf*
Bright dawn_____ bright dawn. Dawn dawn of

4 *f* *ff* *mp* *A* *♩* = 54
S. Solo new day bright dawn. From age to age from breadth of

A. Solo *f* *ff* *mp* *p*
new day bright dawn. From age to age of

T. Solo *f* *ff* *p*
new_ day bright dawn. age to age

B. Solo *f* *ff* *p*
new day bright dawn. age to age

7 *subito p* *f con calore*

S. Solo
night _____ that pro-mise of the dawn on high,

A. Solo
night _____ that pro-mise of the dawn on high,

T. Solo
mf *f con calore*
breadth of night pro-mise of the dawn on high,

B. Solo
mp *f con calore* *mf*
from breadth of of night pro-mise of the dawn, the pro-mise

10 *mp* *mf*

S. Solo
that great est gift of new day. Bright

A. Solo
mp
great est gift of new day.

T. Solo
mf *f* *mp*
of the dawn on high, great - est gift of new day.

B. Solo
f *mp*
of the dawn on high, great - est gift of new day.

13 **B** *resoluto*

S. Solo
dawn__ re-deem our peace of mind, and tame our__ knots of un-

A. Solo
resoluto
Bright dawn__ re-deem our peace of mind, and tame our knots of un-

T. Solo
resoluto
Bright dawn__ re-deem our peace of mind and_ tame our knots un-

B. Solo
resoluto
Bright dawn__ re-deem our peace of mind and_ tame our knots

f *mf* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf*

16 *p* *mp* *f*

S. Solo
cer tain-ties. Each day we rea lize home af-ter home__ we slow ly

A. Solo
p *mp*
cer tain-ties. Each day we rea lize home home__

T. Solo
p *mp* *f*
cer tain ties. Each day rea-lize home home home.. We

B. Solo
mp *f*
Each day rea-lize home af-ter home_ home. We

3 *3* *3*

20 *f* *mf* *mp*

S. Solo *f* *mf* *mp*

spread our roots in_ to the Earth in - to the Earth.

A. Solo *f* *mf* *mp*, *p*

We spread our roots in_ to the Earth in - to the Earth. We

T. Solo *mf* *mp*

we spread our roots, Earth Earth.

B. Solo *mf* *mp*

spread our roots, Earth Earth.

23 **C** *mf*

S. Solo *mf*

and may we

A. Solo *mf*

seek_ and keep see - king breathe and keep brea - thing may we

T. Solo *p* *mf* *mf*

seek_ and brea-thing may we

B. Solo *mf*

keep seek - king and_ may we

25 *brillante* *mf*

S. Solo
sing and sing and find the day when we can hear our selves _____ Bright

A. Solo
brillante *mf*
sing and sing and find the day when we can hear our-selves _____ Bright

T. Solo
brillante //
sing and find the day when we can hear our-selves _____

B. Solo
brillante //
sing _____ and find the day when we can we can hear our - selves

28 **D** ♩ = 60

S. Solo
dawn, a - wash in gold and gar - net glow, our

A. Solo
dawn a wash in gold and gar - net, we lift our

T. Solo
mf
Bright dawn _____ a wash in gold and gar - net, we lift our

B. Solo
mf
Bright dawn _____ a wash in gold and gar - net glow, our

Freely

30 *f* *ff* *mp*

S. Solo
 hearts_ soar yours_kies that we may wake be-fore we sleep.

A. Solo
f *ff* *p* *con dolore*
 hearts to soar yours_kies that we may wake We wake be-fore we

T. Solo
f *ff* *p* *con dolore*
 hearts to soar yours_kies that we may wake, Wake be-fore we

B. Solo
f *ff* *p* *con dolore*
 hearts soar yours_kies that we may wake, Wake be-fore we

33 **E**

S. Solo

A. Solo
 sleep.____

T. Solo
mp
 sleep.____ You give me time e - nough to make a friend of my-self

B. Solo
mp
 sleep.____ You give me time e - nough to_ make a friend of

36 *un poco piú luminoso*
mp mf

S. Solo
 You give me time e - nough to make a friend of myself
un poco piú luminoso

A. Solo
mp mf , *mp*
 You give me time e - nough oo

T. Solo
un poco piú luminoso *mf* , *mp*
 You give me time e - nough oo

B. Solo
 , *un poco piú luminoso* *mf*
 my self. You give me time e - nough

39 *p* pp *mp* *mf*

S. Solo
 oo ooh Time

A. Solo
 make a friend of my self ooh Time

T. Solo
p pp *mp* mf ,
 ooh my self. Time

B. Solo
p *n.b. mf*
 friend of my - self Time

42

S. Solo

tea - ches us___ the strength of tears and the bra - ve - ry of

A. Solo

tea - ches us___ the strength of tears and the bra - ve - ry of

T. Solo

8 tea - ches the strength of tears and the bra - ve - ry___ of

B. Solo

tea - ches the strength of___ tears and_ the bra - ve - ry___ of

F

44

S. Solo

li ving in the com - pa - ny of fears Oh there is hope in the new born

A. Solo

li ving in the com - pa - ny of fears Oh there is hope in the new born

T. Solo

8 li ving in the com - pa - ny of fears. is hope new born

B. Solo

li ving in the com - pa - ny of fears. is hope new born

f con bravura

f con bravura

f con bravura

f con bravura

47

S. Solo *ff*
day there is hope on the sil-ver dew of mor-ning e-ven when the

A. Solo *ff*
day there is hope on the sil-ver dew of mor-ning hope e-ven when the

T. Solo *ff*
day there is hope sil-ver dew of mor-ning hope e-ven when the

B. Solo *ff*
day there is hope sil-ver dew of mor-ning hope e-ven when the

51

S. Solo *mp* *f* *mp*
sky is made of steel and co-vered in clouds._____ So

A. Solo *mp* *f* *mp*
sky is made of steel and co-vered in clouds._____ So

T. Solo *mp* *f*
sky steel and co-vered in clouds._____ So

B. Solo *mp* *f*
sky steel and co-vered in clouds._____ So

G

54 *con calore*

S. Solo

seek and keep see - king breath and keep brea-thing we may

A. Solo

con calore

seek_ and keep see - king breath and keep brea-thing we may

T. Solo

con calore

p

seek_ and brea-thing we may

B. Solo

p

Oh we may

56 *mf* *f*

S. Solo

sing and sing un - til the day when we can hear our - selves

A. Solo

mp *f*

and sing un - til the day when we can hear our - selves bright

T. Solo

mf *mp* *f*

sing and sing un til the day when we can hear our - selves. Bright

B. Solo

mf *f*

sing andsing un - til the day when we can hear our selves.

59 **H** *resoluto* *mf* *f*

S. Solo
dawn_ you sew_ our dreams a- new that grea - test_ gift of_

A. Solo
resoluto *mf* *f*
Bright dawn you sew our dreams a - new that grea - test_ gift of

T. Solo
resoluto *mf* *f*
dawn_ you sew_ our dreams a new that grea test_ gift_ of

B. Solo
resoluto *mf* *f*
Bright dawn_ you sew our dreams a new that grea - test gift of

I *Slightly Slower*

62 *mf* *ff* *fp* *poco rit.* *p*

S. Solo
new day. Bright dawn, bright dawn. hum(m)_

A. Solo
mf *ff* *mf* *p*
new day. dawn, dawn, bright dawn

T. Solo
mf *ff* *fp* *p*
new day. Bright dawn bright dawn. hum(m)_

B. Solo
mf *ff* *fp* *p*
new day. Bright dawn dawn hum(m)_