

THINGS THAT NEVER DIE

SSA, with optional Violin, accompanied

Music by
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Range:



Time: Approx. 3:20

*Difficulty: Moderate

Performance Notes

Mark Patterson has set this beloved Charles Dickens text to create a beautiful artsong for SSA voices. Lush harmonies and suspensions make this a very fulfilling piece for the SSA ensemble, and the occasional use of two-part texture keeps the piece accessible for most treble choirs. Add the optional violin to make a truly stunning statement for concert or festival.

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Thoughtfully, with rubato (♩ = 64-68)

Violin (opt.) *mp*

4 *rall.* *mp* *a tempo*

SI
SII
A

The pure, _____ the bright, _____ the

rall. *mp* *a tempo*

8 *p*

beau-ti-ful that stirred our hearts in youth, the im-puls-es to word-less prayer,-

p *p*

11 *mf*

the streams of love and truth, the long-ing af-ter some-thing lost, the

mf

mf

14 *f* *mp*

SI spir-it's long-ing cry, the striv - ing af - ter bet - ter hopes; these

SII

A spir-it's long-ing cry, the striv - ing af - ter bet - ter hopes;

f

f

17

SI things can nev - er die.

mp

SII These things can nev - er die.

mp

A These things can nev - er die.

20

The

tim - id hand stretched forth to aid a broth - er in his need;

a

a

This block contains the musical notation for measures 23 and 24. It features two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts have rests in measure 23 and enter in measure 24 with the lyrics "tim - id hand stretched forth to aid a broth - er in his need;". The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line.

kind - ly word in grief's dark hour that proves a friend in - deed; The

kind - ly word in grief's dark hour that proves a friend in - deed; The

The

This block contains the musical notation for measures 25 and 26. It features two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts have rests in measure 25 and enter in measure 26 with the lyrics "kind - ly word in grief's dark hour that proves a friend in - deed; The". The piano accompaniment continues with a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line.

27 *mf*

plea _____ when jus - tice threat-ens high, the

mf

plea for mer - cy _____ when jus - tice threat-ens high, the

mf

plea for mer - cy soft - ly breathed when jus - tice threat-ens high, the

29 *mp rall.* *a tempo*

sor-row of a con-trite heart; _____ these things must_

mp rall. *a tempo*

sor-row of a con-trite heart; _____ these things must

mp rall. *a tempo*

sor-row of a con-trite heart; _____ these things must

rall. *a tempo*

mp

mp rall. *a tempo*

32

nev - er die. Let

nev - er die. Let

nev - er die. Let

rall.

Broadening slightly

35

f noth - ing pass, for ev - 'ry hand must find some work to do, Lose

f noth - ing pass, for ev - 'ry hand must find some work to do, Lose

f noth - ing pass, for ev - 'ry hand must find some work to do, Lose

f **Broadening slightly**

37

not a chance to wak-en love; be firm and just and true. So

not a chance to wak-en love; be firm and just and true. So

not a chance to wak-en love; be firm and just and true. So

40

shall a light that can - not fade beam on thee from on high, and

shall a light that can - not fade beam on thee from on high,

shall a light that can - not fade beam on thee from on high,

42

mp
 an - gel voic - es say to thee:___ "These things shall___
mp
 These things shall
mp
 These things shall
mp

45

nev - er die.
 nev - er die. *p*
 nev - er die. *p*
 These
 These___
p

48 *rall.* ***p*** *a tempo*

These things shall nev - er die.”

rall. *a tempo*

things shall nev - er die.

rall. *a tempo*

things shall nev - er die.

rall. *a tempo*

p

51 *rit.*

rit.

rit.

rit. *pp*

rit. *pp*

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The musical score is written for a single violin part in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked 'Thoughtfully, with rubato' with a quarter note equal to 64-68 beats per minute. The score consists of 11 staves of music, with measure numbers 5, 11, 17, 22, 27, 32, 37, 42, and 48 indicated at the beginning of their respective staves. The dynamics range from *mp* (mezzo-piano) to *pp* (pianissimo). Performance instructions include 'rall.' (ritardando), 'a tempo', 'mf' (mezzo-forte), 'f' (forte), and 'Broadening slightly'. The piece concludes with a *rit.* (ritardando) and *pp* dynamic.

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