Thy Word Is a Lamp

(Done Made My Vow)

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SATB Voices a cappella

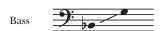


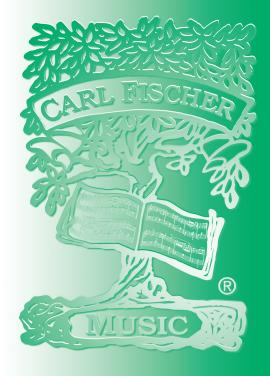
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Program Notes

In psalm 119:105, the writer writes "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." It further states in verse 112 "I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, EVEN UNTO THE END."

In the same manner, the African-American slaves found divine hope by trusting in the promised word of their Lord and building a covenant vow to never turn from the lighted path of freedom. They believed that persistence, determination and courage would enable them to get to a land of liberty and peace and that these three virtues were indeed their Lamp of Guidance and Hope — thus birthing the phrase in song: "Gonna see what the end will be."

This piece should be performed with warmth and fervent conviction.

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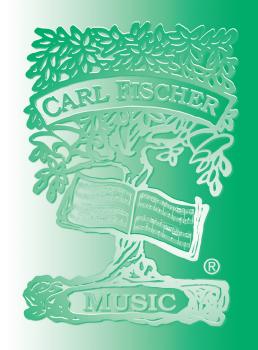


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