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THE GIFT DISGUISED



Winner of the 2010
Ithaca College Choral Composition Competition

Mixed choir, unaccompanied

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Dr. Bernhardt previously served as Chair of the Music Department and Director of Choral Activities at Lambuth University in Jackson, Tennessee. He also served on the faculties of Columbia College (Missouri) and Lansing Community College (Michigan) and was a high school choral director in southwest Virginia.

An internationally recognized composer, Dr. Bernhardt has won first prize in the Ithaca College Choral Composition Competition (US), Silliman Anthem Award Competition (US), Longfellow Choral Composition Competition (US), and Concurso Internacional Amadeus de Composición Coral (Spain), and special commendation in the Phoenix Choral Composition Competition (UK). His compositions have been published by Hinshaw, Mark Foster, and Colla Voce.

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Helen Alford Redding, conductor
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Virginia Small Alford

Ross C. Bernhardt (ASCAP)

♩ = 72

p rubato

Soprano
Loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo

Alto
Loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo

Tenor
Loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo

Bass
Loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo

Piano (rehearsal only)

6 *mp a tempo*

S
Great are the bles-sings of sun and skies, But thanks be gi - ven for the gift dis-

6 *mp a tempo*

A
Great are the bles-sings of sun and skies, But thanks be gi - ven for the gift dis-

6 *mp a tempo*

T
Great are the bles-sings of sun and skies, But thanks be gi - ven for the gift dis-

6 *mp a tempo*

B
Great the sun and skies, But thanks be gi - ven for the gift dis-

10 *mp*

S guised: For un-der - stand-ing etched in grief, — For - give-ness spawned at

A guised: For un-der - stand-ing etched in grief, — For - give-ness spawned at

T guised: For un-der - stand-ing etched in grief, — For - give-ness spawned at

B guised: For un-der - stand-ing etched in grief, — For - give-ness spawned at

14 *articulate* *mf*

S fail-ures reef, For fear, and pain, and the al - tered course, The

A fail-ures reef, For fear, and pain, and the al - tered course, The

T fail-ures reef, For fear, and pain, and the al - tered course, The

B fail-ures reef, For fear, and pain, and the al - tered course, The

17 *legato* *poco a poco cresc.*

S prayer de - nied — that was pa - tience's source. — For

A prayer de - nied — was pa - tience's source — For

T prayer de - nied was pa - tience's source — For

B prayer de - nied — was pa - tience's source — For

21 *f* *mp*

S strength sewn — in an - oth - er's need, — A friend to

A strength sewn in an - oth - er's need, A friend to

T strength sewn in an - oth - er's need, A friend to

B strength sewn in an - oth - er's need, A friend to

26 *rit.* *p rubato*

S lift, a child to lead. Loo loo loo loo

A lift, a child to lead. Loo loo loo

T lift, a child to lead. Loo loo

B lift, a child to lead. Loo loo loo loo

30 *mp a tempo*

S loo loo loo loo loo loo loo Per-fec-tion lies - or so it

A loo loo loo loo loo loo loo Per-fec-tion lies - or so it

T loo loo loo loo loo loo Per-fec-tion lies - or so it

B loo loo loo loo loo Per-fec-tion lies - or so it

34

S seems In im-per - fec-tion. Love - ly dream, love-ly dream — And bound - less

A seems In im-per - fec-tion. Love - ly dream, love-ly dream And bound -

T 8 seems In im-per - fec-tion. Love - ly dream, love-ly dream. And bound -

B 34 seems In im-per - fec-tion. Love - ly dream, love-ly dream. And bound -

39

S love, bound - less love of God whose wise Plan —

A less, bound - less love of God whose wise Plan —

T 8 less, bound - less love of God whose wise Plan —

B 39 less, bound - less love of God whose wise Plan —

43 *rallantando al fine*

S — in - cludes the gift dis - - - guised.

43 *rallantando al fine*

A — in - cludes the gift, the gift dis - guised.

43 *rallantando al fine*

T 8 — in - cludes the gift dis - - - guised.

43 *rallantando al fine*

B — in - cludes the gift — dis - - - guised.

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