

My Kindness Shall Not Depart From Thee

SSAATB choir w/ Piano*

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Tenderly ♩ = 68

The musical score is written for SSAATB choir and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in 3/4 time, marked 'Tenderly' with a tempo of 68 beats per minute. The piano part features a melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand, with dynamics ranging from piano (p) to mezzo-piano (mp). The choir enters at measure 7 with the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are: 'For a lit-tle while Have I for-sa-ken thee; But with great mer-cies will I ga-ther thee. In a lit-tle wrath I hid my face from thee For a mo-ment.' The score includes staves for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B), as well as piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score ends with a final piano flourish.

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With more motion

15

S A

p But with ev-er-last-ing kind-ness will I gath-er thee, And with mer-cy will I take thee 'neath my

T B

19

S A

cresc. poco a poco

wings, For the mount - ains shall de - part And the hills shall be re - moved And the

T B

cresc. poco a poco

22

S A

val - leys shall be lost be - neath the sea, But know, my child, *p* My

T B

25

S A

kind - ness shall not de - part from thee! *mf* Though thine af -

T B

rit. *a tempo*

p

28

S A

flic - tions seem At times too great to bear, I know thine ev - 'ry thought and

T B

mf *mp*

Broadly

31

S A

ev - 'ry care. And though the *f* ve - ry jaws Of hell gape af - ter thee *p* I am with thee...

T B

f *p*

With more motion

35

S A

mp

And with ev-er-last-ing mer-cy will I suc-cor thee, And with heal-ing will I take thee 'neath my

T B

mp

cresc. poco a poco

39

S A

wings

Though the mount-ains shall de-part And the hills shall be re-moved And the

T B

p

42

S A

val-leys shall be lost be-neath the sea, Know, my child, *p* My

T B

Faster, more intensely ♩ = 84

45

S A

kind- ness shall not de-part from thee! *f* How long can rol-ling wa-ters Re-main im-pure?

T B

poco rit.

p *mf* *f*

Slower, tenderly

49

S A

What pow'r shall stay the hand of God? *p* The Son of Man hath de -

T B

subito p

52

S A

scend - ed be - low all things. *p* Art thou great - er than He?

T B

rit.

mp *p*

Tempo I

56

S A *p* So hold on thy way, For I shall be with thee. And mine an - gels shall en -

T B

60

S A *f* cir - cle thee. Doubt not what thou know - est, Fear not man, for he *p* Can - not

T B

63

S A *mp* hurt thee. But with ev - er - last - ing kind - ness will I gath - er thee, And with

T B

67 *cresc. poco a poco*

S A
T B

mer - cy will I take thee 'neath my wings. For the mount - ains shall de - part And the

p

70

S A
T B

hills shall be re - moved And the val - leys shall be lost be - neath the sea, But know, my

73

S A

child, *f* My kind - ness shall not de - part from thee!

T B

f

76

S A

p My kind - ness shall not de - part from

T B

rall.

p

p

80

S A

thee!

T B

a tempo *rit.*

mp *p*

a tempo *rit.*

mp *p*