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Opus 1252

Andante moderato ♩ = 76
lunga

The score consists of three systems. The first system is a piano introduction in 3/4 time, marked *Andante moderato* with a tempo of 76. It features a treble clef staff with a *pp* (String, Celeste) part and a bass clef staff with a *mp* Principal part. Pedal markings for 16' and 8' are present. The second system begins at measure 6 and includes vocal parts: a T.B. unison line and a Principal 8' enclosed line, both marked *mp*. The piano accompaniment continues in the bass clef, marked *p* for String 8' or Principal 8', with a *pp* dynamic and *ad lib.*, no rhythmic accents. The lyrics 'Gen - tle Jo - seph heard a warn - ing from an an - gel in the' are written below the vocal staves. The third system continues the vocal and piano parts.

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3

10

night; val - iant Mar - y mai - den

12

moth - er, roused from sleep, pre - pared for

14 *f*

flight: thus the Christ - child's fam - 'ly

16

lived out what the proph - et had fore -

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4

18

told, that he might be called from

20

E - - gypt as God's peo - ple were of

22

old.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a repeating sixteenth-note pattern in the left hand, often marked with a '6' and a 'p.' (piano). The vocal line is in the bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'told, that he might be called from E - - gypt as God's peo - ple were of old.' There are measure numbers 4, 18, 20, and 22 indicated. A large diagonal watermark 'for review only' is overlaid on the middle system.

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24 *ff*

T. Tar - gets of a ty - rant's ar - my, seek - ing

B. Tar - gets of a ty - rant's ar - my,

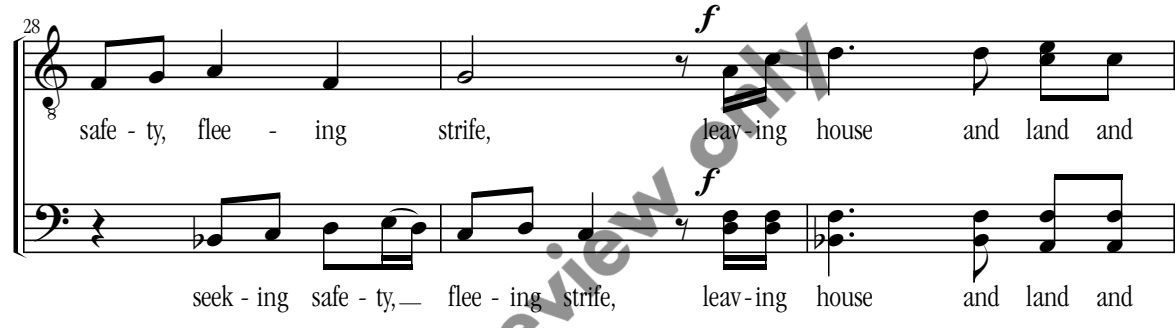
p Flute, Trem.



28 *f*

safe - ty, flee - ing strife, leav - ing house and land and

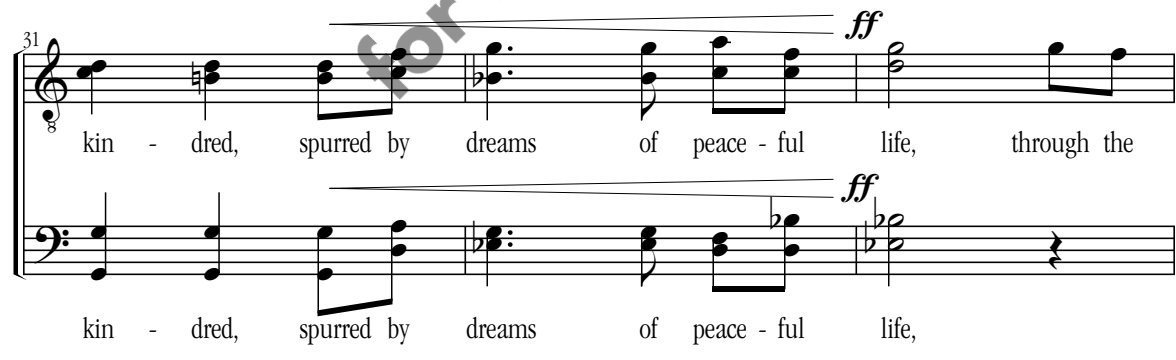
seek - ing safe - ty, — flee - ing strife, leav - ing house and land and



31 *ff*

kin - dred, spurred by dreams of peace - ful life, through the

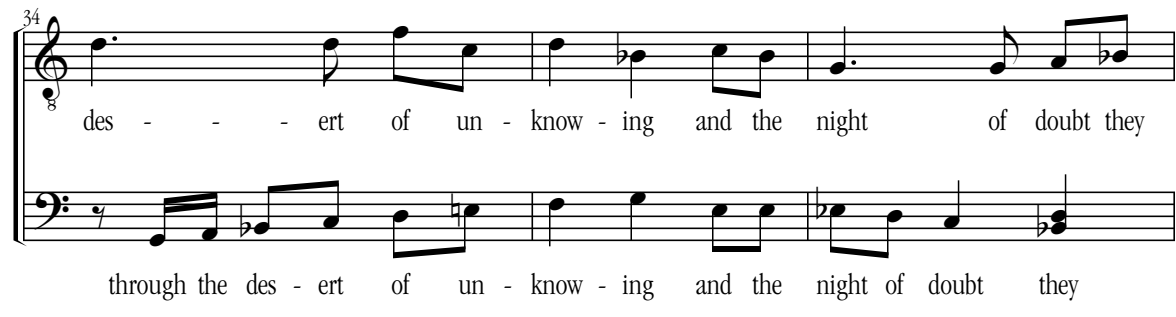
kin - dred, spurred by dreams of peace - ful life,



34

des - - - ert of un - know - ing and the night of doubt they

through the des - ert of un - know - ing and the night of doubt they



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6

37

went, guid-ed by God's prom-ised pres-ence, by that trust made

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41

non dim. *Poco meno mosso, maestoso* ♩ = 69

con-fi-dent.

con-fi-dent.

no break

f

45

Give us, God, such faith and cour-age— when we move from place to

f

mf

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49
8
place, and to those who come a - mong us, — make us chan-nels of your

53
8
ff
grace. — Let us see in ev-'ry stran - ger re - fu - gees from Beth - le - hem, — help us
ff

58
8
molto rit.
of - fer each one wel - come and re - ceive the Christ in them.

molto rit.

The image shows a musical score for a three-part setting. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor parts) and a piano accompaniment. The first system (measures 49-52) features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The second system (measures 53-57) includes dynamic markings like 'ff' and 'f'. The third system (measures 58-61) includes the marking 'molto rit.' and ends with a double bar line. The piano part includes various chordal textures and melodic lines.

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8

Gentle Joseph heard a warning
from an angel in the night;
valiant Mary, maiden mother,
roused from sleep, prepared for flight:
thus the Christ-child's family lived out
what the prophet had foretold,
that he might be called from Egypt
as God's people were of old.

Targets of a tyrant's army,
seeking safety, fleeing strife,
leaving house and land and kindred,
spurred by dreams of peaceful life,
through the desert of unknowing
and the night of doubt they went,
guided by God's promised presence,
by that trust made confident.

Give us, God, such faith and courage
when we move from place to place,
and to those who come among us,
make us channels of your grace.
Let us see in every stranger
refugees from Bethlehem,
help us offer each one welcome
and receive the Christ in them.

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