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SATB choir, *a cappella*

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in memory of David Skinner

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SATB

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S. *mp*
Walk

A. *p*
Soft - ly, walk soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly,

T. *p*
Soft - ly, walk soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly,

B. *p*
Soft - ly, walk soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly,

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soft - ly up-on the earth, walk soft - ly up-on the earth. May its
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly. May its
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly. May
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly. May

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beau - ty for - ev - er sur - round you, its won - ders for - ev - er as -
beau - ty sur - round you, its won - ders for - ev - er as -
beau - ty ev - er sur - round you, its won - ders all as -
beau - ty sur - round you, its won - ders all as -

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tound you, may its wis-dom de-light you, its mus-ic in-vite you to

tound you, its wis-dom de-light you, its mus-ic in-vite you to

tound you, its wis-dom and its mus-ic in-vite you to

tound you, its wis-dom and its mus-ic in-

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dance and to play and to sing. May you

dance and to play and to sing. May you

dance and to play and to sing, to sing. May you

vite you to sing, to sing. May

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18 5

love and be loved by all that you meet. May you
love and be loved by all you meet. May you
love and be loved by all you meet. May you
you be loved by all you meet. May you

21

know and prac-tice com-pas-sion. Re -
know and prac-tice com-pas-sion, com-pas-sion. Re -
know and prac-tice com-pas-sion, com-pas-sion. Re -
know and prac-tice com-pas-sion, com-pas-sion. Re -

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Slightly more animated

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joyce in the earth and in all of cre - a - tion.

joyce in the earth and in all of cre - a - tion.

joyce in the earth and in all of cre - a - tion.

joyce in the earth and in all of cre - a - tion.

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f Re - joice in life, *rit.* re - joice in life. *mp* Walk

f Re - joice in life, *mf* re - joice in life. *mp* Walk

f Re - joice in life, *mf* re - joice in life. *mp* Walk

f Re - joice in life, *mf* re - joice in life. *mp* Walk

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32 *As at first* 7

soft - ly up-on the earth, walk soft - ly up-on the earth, walk
soft - ly up-on the earth, walk soft - ly up-on the earth, walk
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk

36 *rit. e dim.*

soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly.
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly.
soft - ly, soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly.
soft - ly, soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly.

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Walk softly upon the earth.
May its beauty forever surround you,
its wonders forever astound you,
may its wisdom delight you,
its music invite you
to dance and to play and to sing.
May you love and be loved by all that you meet.
May you know and practice compassion.
Rejoice in the earth and all of creation.
Rejoice in life.
Walk softly upon the earth.

–Alfred V. Fedak

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