

III. Have Mercy on Us, O My Lord

from Four Motets

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Very slow
p espr.

Soprano
Have mer-cy on us, O my Lord. Be not far from us,

Alto
Have mer - cy. Be not far off,

Tenor
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Be not far,

Bass
Have mer - cy. Be not far

4

O my God. Give ear un-to our hum-ble prayer.

O my God. Give ear to our hum-ble prayer.

O my God. Give ear to our hum-ble prayer.

off, my God. Give ear to our hum-ble prayer.

7

mf At-tend and judge us in Thy might. *pp* Up-hold us with Thy

mf Judge us in Thy might. *pp* Ah,

mf Judge us in Thy might. *pp* Ah,

mf Judge us in Thy might. *pp* Ah

10

guid - ing — hand, up - hold us with Thy guid - ing — hand.

Ah,

Ah,

Lord, ah, Ah Lord,

bb

13

Re-store us to Thy kind - ly — light, re-store us to Thy kind - ly — light.

Ah,

Ah,

Ah,

Ah,

Ah Lord, Ah, Ah, Ah Lord,

17 *dim.* *ppp* *p espr.*

Ah, Ah, Have mer - cy on us, O — my Lord.

dim. *ppp* *p espr.*

Ah, Have — mer - cy.

dim. *ppp* *p espr.*

Ah, Have — mer - cy, O — Lord.

dim. *ppp* *p espr.*

Ah, Ah, Ah, Have — mer - cy.

21

Be not far from us, O my God. O my heart is sore-ly pained.

Be not far off, O my God. O my heart is sore-ly pained.

Be not far off, my God. O my heart is sore-ly pained.

Be not far off, my God. My heart is sore-ly pained and calls on Thee in vain.

26

a little faster
p light

25

Cast me not a-way from Thee. Then we shall trust in Thee, then we will bear our place.

p light

Cast me not a-way. Ah

p light

Cast me not a-way. Then, oh then, we shall trust in Thee, then we will

Ah cast me not a-way from sal-va-tion.

29

Then we shall trust in Thee, then we will bear our place. Then we shall trust in Thee,

Ah Ah

bear our place. Then we shall trust in Thee, then we will bear our place. Then we shall

mf

Have mercy on us,