

The Priesthood of Our Lord

for Three-Part Men's Chorus and Piano

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Majestic (♩ = 100-120)

Piano

mf



The piano introduction consists of two staves in 4/4 time, marked 'Majestic' with a tempo of 100-120. The music is in B-flat major and begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The right hand features a series of chords and moving lines, while the left hand provides a steady bass accompaniment.

6

Men

1st verse
mf

Breth - ren, pow'r by earth - ly stan - dards

Pno



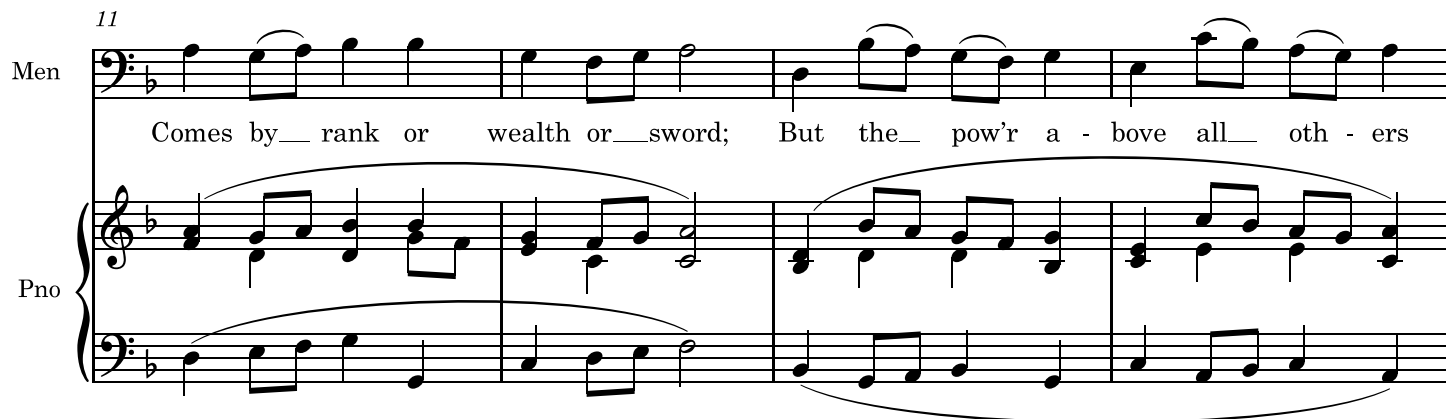
The first system of the vocal entry begins at measure 6. The men's chorus part is written in a single bass staff, with lyrics 'Breth - ren, pow'r by earth - ly stan - dards'. The piano accompaniment continues with two staves. The dynamic is mezzo-forte (mf).

11

Men

Comes by rank or wealth or sword; But the pow'r a - bove all oth - ers

Pno



The second system of the vocal entry begins at measure 11. The men's chorus part continues with lyrics 'Comes by rank or wealth or sword; But the pow'r a - bove all oth - ers'. The piano accompaniment continues with two staves.

2nd verse

15

Men

Is the_ priest-hood of our Lord. It is ours, the

Pno

20

Men

to - tal_ ar - mor— Priest - hood held by Christ, our Lord— If, as__ breth-ren,

Pno

24

Men

we are wor - thy Of the Spir-it's whis - pered word.

Pno

3rd verse

29

f

Men *f* Let us ven - ture forth in free - dom With the priest - hood as our guide—

Pno *f*

33

Men Dea - cons, teach - ers, priests, and el - ders, Seek - ing vir - tue side by side.

Pno

1st verse (round)

mf

38

1 Breth - ren, pow'r by

Men 2

3

Pno *mf*

42

1
 earth - ly__ stan - dards Comes by__rank or wealth or_sword; But the_ pow'r a -

1st verse (round)
mf

Men 2
 Breth - ren, pow'r by earth - ly__ stan - dards Comes by__rank or

1st verse (round)
mf

3
 Breth - ren, pow'r by

Pno

46

1
 -bove all_ oth - ers Is the_ priest-hood of our Lord. It is ours, the

2nd verse (round)

Men 2
 wealth or_sword; But the_ pow'r a - bove all_ oth - ers Is the_ priest-hood

3
 earth - ly__ stan - dards Comes by__rank or wealth or_sword; But the_ pow'r a -

Pno

50

1
to - tal_ ar - mor— Priest - hood held by Christ, our Lord— If, as_ breth-ren,
2nd verse (round)

Men 2
of our Lord. It is ours, the to - tal_ ar - mor— Priest - hood held by
2nd verse (round)

3
-bove all_ oth - ers Is the_ priest-hood of our Lord. It is ours, the

Pno

3rd verse (round)

54

1
we are_ wor - thy Of the_ Spir - it's whis - pered word. Let us ven - ture
f

Men 2
Christ, our Lord— If, as_ breth-ren, we are_ wor - thy Of the_ Spir - it's

3
to - tal_ ar - mor— Priest - hood held by Christ, our Lord— If, as_ breth-ren,

Pno

58

1
 forth in__ free - dom With the priest - hood as our guide— Dea - cons, teach-ers,
 3rd verse (round)
f

Men 2
 whis - pered word. Let us ven - ture forth in__ free - dom With the priest - hood
 3rd verse (round)
f

3
 we are_ wor - thy Of the_ Spir - it's whis - pered word. Let us ven - ture

Pno

62

1
 priests, and el - ders, Seek - ing_ vir - tue side by side.

Men 2
 as our guide— Dea - cons, teach-ers, priests, and el - ders, Seek - ing_ vir - tue

3
 forth in__ free - dom With the priest - hood as our guide— Dea - cons, teach-ers,

Pno

66

1

Men 2

side by side.

3

priests, and el - ders, Seek - ing vir - tue side by side.

Pno

71

Men

ff

Dea - cons, teach - ers, priests, and el - ders,

Pno

ff

75

Men

Seek - ing vir - tue side by side. _____

Pno