

Joseph Smith's First Prayer

Text: George Manwaring, 1854-1889

Alto Version

Music: Sylvanus Billings Pond, 1792-1871

Adapted by: A.C. Smyth, 1840-1909

Arranged by: Rick Graham

Fervently (♩ = 68)

The piano introduction consists of two staves in 4/4 time. The right hand plays a series of chords and eighth notes, while the left hand plays a simple bass line. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 68.

con Pedale

A

The first line of the song begins at measure 4. The vocal line (Alto) starts with a rest, followed by the lyrics: "Oh, how love - ly was the morn - ing! Ra-diant". The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

The second line of the song begins at measure 8. The vocal line (Alto) starts with a rest, followed by the lyrics: "beamed the sun a - bove. Bees were hum - ming, sweet birds sing - ing, mu-sic". The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the first line.

12

A

ring - ing thru the grove, When with - in the shad - y wood - land Jo - seph

16

A

sought the God of love, When with - in the shad - y wood - land Jo - seph

20

A

sought the God of love.

B

24

Vc.

A

Hum-bly kneel - ing, sweet ap - peal - ing 'twas the

24

legato

28

Vc.

A

boy's first ut-tered prayer when the pow'rs of sin as - sail - ing filled his

28

32

Vc.

A

soul with deep de - spair; But un - daunt - ed, still he trust - ed In his

32

36

Vc.

A

Heav'n - ly Fa-ther's care, But un - daunt - ed, still he trust - ed in his

36

36

40

Vc.

A

Heav'n - ly Fa-ther's care.

40

40

44

A

44

espress.

C

48

A

Sud - den - ly a light de - scend - ed, bright - er

52

A

far than noon-day sun, and a shin - ing glor - ious pil - lar O'er him

56

A

fell, a - round him shone, While ap - peared two heav'n - ly be - ings, God the

60

A

Fa - ther and the Son, While ap - peared two heav'n - ly be - ings, God the

64

A

Fa - ther and the Son.

D

68

Vc.

"Jo-seph, this is my Be - lov - ed; Hear him!"

maestoso

72

Vc.

A

Oh, how sweet the word! — Jo-seph's hum - ble prayer was an - swered, and he

76

Vc.

A

lis - tened to the Lord. Oh, what rap - ture filled his bo - som, for he

80

Vc.

A

saw _____ the liv - ing God; Oh, what rap - ture filled his bo - som, for he

84

Vc.

84

A

saw the liv - ing God. For he

84

rit.

88

Vc.

88

A

saw! For he saw the liv - ing God.

88