

The Blessed Hope

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to God alone all glory is given

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♩ = 116

mp-mf

Soprano

(solo/duet) I saw one wea-ry, sad, and torn, with ea-ger steps press on the way, who

Alto

Tenor

Bass

p

oo,

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(duet)

long the hal - lowed cross has borne, still look - ing for the prom - ised day; while

oo,

10

man - y a line of grief and care, Up - on his brow was fur - rowed there, I

oo, oo,

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(end duet)

asked what buoyed his spir - its up, "O this!" said he_ "the_ bles - sed hope.

oo, oo, the bles - sed hope. And the bles - sed hope. And

mf *mf*

18 *mp*

oo, oo,

one I saw, with sword and shield, who bold - ly braved the world's cold frown, And

one I saw, with sword and shield, who bold - ly braved the world's cold frown, And

22 *mf*

oo, oo, Though

oo, Though

fought, un - yield - ing, on the field, To win an e - ver_ last - ing crown. Though

fought, un - yield - ing, on the field, To win an e - ver_ last - ing crown. Though

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worn with toil, oppressed by foes, No murmur from his heart arose; I asked what buoyed his
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spir - its up, "O this!" said he "the bles - sed hope." And there was one who
 spir - its up, "O this!" said he "the bles - sed hope." And there was one who
 spir - its up, "O this!" said he "the bles - sed hope." And there was one who
 spir - its up, "O this!" said he "the bles - sed hope."

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left be - hind The cher - ished friends of ear - ly years, And ho - nor, plea - sure,

left be - hind The cher - ished friends of ear - ly years, And ho - nor, plea - sure

left be - hind The cher - ished friends of ear - ly years, And ho - nor, plea - sure

p *cres.*

And there was one who left be - hind The cher - ished friends of

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wealth re - signed, To tread the path be - dewed with tears. Through tri - als deep and

wealth re - signed, To tread the path be - dewed with tears. Through tri - als deep and

wealth re - signed, To tread the path be - dewed with tears.

mp *p* *mp*

ear - ly years, To tread the path be - dewed with tears. Through tri - als deep and

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p

con-flictsore, Yet still a smile of joy he wore; I asked what buoyed his spir-its up, "O

p

con-flictsore, Yet still a smile of joy he wore; I asked what buoyed his spir-its up, "O

mp *p*

Through tri - als deep and con-flictsore, Yet still a smile of joy he wore, for

p

con-flictsore, Yet still a smile of joy he wore; I asked what buoyed his spir-its up, "O

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mf

this!" said he "the bles - sed hope." While pil - grims here we jour - ney on In

mf

this!" said he "the bles - sed hope." While pil - grims here we jour - ney on In

mf

he had found the bles - sed hope. While pil - grims here we jour - ney on In

mf

this!" said he "the bles - sed hope. While pil - grims here we jour - ney on In

52

cres.

this dark vale of sin and gloom, Through tri - bu - la - tion, hate, and scorn, Or

cres.

this dark vale of sin and gloom, Through tri - bu - la - tion, hate, and scorn, Or

cres.

8 this dark vale of sin and gloom, Through tri - bu - la - tion, hate, and scorn, Or

cres.

this dark vale of sin and gloom, Through tri - bu - la - tion, hate, and scorn, Or

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f

through the por - tals of the tomb, Till our re - turn - ing King shall come to

f

through the por - tals of the tomb. Till our re - turn - ing King shall come to

f

8 through the por - tals of the tomb. Till

f

through the por - tals of the tomb. Till our re - turn - ing

60

mp

take His e - xile cap - tives home, O!

mp

take His e - xile cap - tives home, O!

mp

our re - turn - ing King shall come to take us home. O!

mp

King shall come to take us home, to take us home. O!

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What can buoy the spir - its up? Tis this a - lone the bles - sed hope.

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What can buoy the spir - its up? Tis this a - lone the bles - sed hope.

What can buoy the spir - its up? Tis this a - lone the bles - sed hope.