

It's Light

A Christmas Anthem from the New World

3 Nephi 1:3-15

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♩ = 85

mysterioso, crisp articulation with underlying tension

simile

TB

Piano

*ringing bass tones
like a big bell tolling*

TB

Pno.

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2 A

SA 21

Men no mer cy giv - ing, Ev-'ry saint now liv - ing by the mob con - demned to die; Sure-ly He will save us

mp *p* *mp*

Pno. 21

mp *p* *mp*

SA 26

from those who en - slave us! Lo, His coming draweth nigh! Lift up thy head, and be of good cheer! The Holy Savior comes to -

cresc. thru held note *mf*

Pno. 26

mf

SA 32

night! The time is at hand, as Sam - uel fore told, and though the sun is set - ting

mp *mf*

Pno. 32

mp *mf*

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36

SA *mf* Bright new star a bove us, Saviour come to love us, See our souls with joy made

low, it's light!

p

mf Men sing louder than you think you need to

Tenor = alto note

Bass = melody note

Ahh - - - Ahh - - - Ahh - - -

Pno. *mp* *mf*

Org.

42

SA light! Prince of Peace ap-pear - ing, faith - ful souls are hear - ing an - gels sing - ing with their

bring out the moving tenor part

With joy made light. - - - Ap - pear ing, hear - ing, an - gels sing - ing

TB Ahh - - - Ahh - - - Ahh - - - Ahh

Pno.

Org.

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46 sing- ing with their might

SA
might! Lift up thy head, and be of good cheer! The Ho ly Sav ior comes to night! The
might! bring out moving tenor part He comes to

TB

Pno.
f

Org.

51

SA
time is at hand, as Sam uel fore told, and tho the sun is set ting low, - - it's - light!
set - ting low it's light!

TB
night.
low it's light!

Pno.
ff

Org.

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C

56

SA *ff* Saved from con-dem-nat - ion, shad ow of sal-vat - ion, now from death He gives re - prieve.

TB

Pno.

Org.

61

SA He comes mer - cy bear - ing, lov - ing us and car - ing, a gift to those who will be - lieve! *cresc. thru held note* *fff* Lift

TB

Pno. *mf*

Org.

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6

SA ⁶⁵ up thy head, and be of good cheer! The Ho ly Sav ior comes to

TB

Pno.

Org. ⁶⁵ *simile*

SA ⁶⁸ night! The time is at hand, and this ver - y night, al -

TB

Pno.

Org. ⁶⁸

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71 *stagger breathing*

SA
though the sun is set - ting, Lo! it's Light!

TB

Pno.

Org.

The musical score is written for four parts: Soprano Alto (SA), Tenor Bass (TB), Piano (Pno.), and Organ (Org.). The SA part includes the lyrics "though the sun is set - ting, Lo! it's Light!". The score begins at measure 71, marked with a fermata and the instruction "stagger breathing". The SA part features a melodic line with a long note on "Light!". The TB part provides a harmonic accompaniment. The Pno. part has a rhythmic accompaniment with a melodic line in the right hand. The Org. part features a complex rhythmic pattern in the right hand and a simpler accompaniment in the left hand. The bottom-most staff is a single bass line.