

ANTHEM

(The dove descending breaks the air)
for chorus a cappella

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♩ = ca. 60

SOPRANO

p The dove des - cend - ing

ALTO

p The dove des - cend - ing breaks the

S.

breaks the air With flame of in - can - des - cent

A.

air With flame of in - can - des - cent

S.

f ter - - - ror *p* Of which the tongues de - clare

A.

f ter - - - ror *p* Of which the tongues de -

S.

The one dis - charge from sin and er - ror.

A.

- clare The one dis - charge from sin and er - ror. The

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S. The on - ly hope, or — else des - pair Lies, —

A. on - ly, on - ly hope, or else — des - - -

TENOR *p* The on - ly hope, or else des -

BASS *p* The on - ly hope, or else des -

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S. — lies in the choice of pyre or —

A. - pair Lies in the choice of pyre

T. - pair — Lies — in — the choice

B. - pair — Lies in the choice of pyre or pyre To be —

S. pyre — To be re - deemed from fire by —

A. or pyre — To be — re - - deemed from

T. of — pyre or pyre — To be re - deemed from fire —

B. — re - deemed from fire, to be re-deemed from fire by —

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S. — fire.

A. fire by fire.

T. — by fire. Who then de - vised the tor - ment?

B. — fire. Who then de - vised the tor - ment? Love.

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T. Love. Love is the un - fa - mi - liar Name_ Be - hind the hands that wove

B. Love is the un - fa - mi - liar Name_ Be - hind the hands that wove

SOPRANO *p* Which hu - man pow'r, which_

ALTO *p* Which hu - man

T. The in - to - le - ra - ble shirt of flame_

B. The in - to - le - ra - ble shirt of flame_

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S. — hu - man pow'r can - not re - move.

A. pow'r can - not re - move. We on - - -

T. Which hu - man pow'r can - not re - move... We

B. Which hu-man pow'r can - not re - move... We on - ly

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S. We on - ly live, on - ly sus - pire

A. - ly live. on - ly sus-pire Con - sumed

T. on - - ly live, on - ly sus - pire

B. live, we on - ly live, on - ly sus -

S. Con - sumed by ei - ther fire or fire.

A. by ei - ther fire or fire.

T. Con - sumed by ei - ther fire or fire.

B. -pire Con-sumed by ei - ther fire or fire.