

Drop, drop, slow tears

An anthem for SATB choir and organ

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setting words by

Phineas Fletcher (1623)

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Drop, drop, slow tears,
and bathe those beautiful feet,
which brought from heaven
the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,
his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance,
sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods,
drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin,
but through my tears.

Phineas Fletcher (1623)

Adagio doloroso ♩ = 44 Philip Le Bas

SOPRANO *p* Drop, drop, slow, slow

ALTO *p* Drop, drop, slow, slow

TENOR *p* Drop, drop, slow, slow

BASS *p* Drop, drop, slow, slow

Organ *pp*

Pedals *pp*

6

S. tears, slow tears, and bathe those beau - teous feet, which brought from

A. tears, drop slow tears, and bathe those beau - teous feet, and bathe those feet.

T. tears, drop slow tears, and bathe those beau - teous feet, which brought from

B. tears, slow tears, and bathe those beau - teous feet, and bathe those feet.

Org.

Ped.

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S. heav'n the news and Prince of Peace.

A. which brought from heav'n the Prince of Peace, of Peace.

T. heav'n the news and Prince of Peace, of Peace.

B. which brought from heav'n the Prince of Peace.

Org. *mp*

Ped. *mp*

13 *legatissimo*
pp

S. Drop, slow tears. Drop, drop, slow, slow tears.

A. *legatissimo*
pp Drop, drop, slow, slow tears. Drop, drop, slow tears.

T. *legatissimo*
pp Drop, slow tears. Drop, drop, slow, slow

B. *legatissimo*
pp Drop, slow tears. Drop, slow tears.

Org. *p*

Ped.

18 *mf*

S. Drop, drop, slow, slow tears, slow tears, and bathe those beau - teous.

A. *mf* Drop, drop, slow, slow tears, slow tears, and bathe those beau - teous.

T. *mf* tears. Drop, slow, slow tears, drop slow tears, and bathe those beau - teous

B. *mf* Drop, drop, slow, slow tears, slow tears, and bathe those beau - teous

Org.

Ped.

21 *mp*

S. feet, which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of

A. *mp* feet, which brought from heav'n, which brought the news and Prince of

T. *mp* feet, which brought from heav'n, which brought the news and Prince of

B. *mp* feet, which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of

Org.

Ped.

24

S. Peace. *p* Cease not, cease not, cease not, wet eyes, *f*

A. *p* Peace, of Peace. *f* Cease not, cease not, cease not, wet eyes, *f*

T. *mp* Peace, of Peace. *f* Cease not, cease not, wet eyes, *f*

B. *mf* Peace. *f* Cease not, cease not, wet eyes, *f*

Org. *mp* *p* *f*

Ped. *mf* *p* *f*

28 *più ardente*

S. *p* *f*
 wet, wet eyes, his mer-cy to en-treat; to cry for ven-geance:

A. *p* *f*
 wet, wet eyes, his mer - cy to en-treat; to cry for ven - geance,

T. *p* *f*
 wet, wet eyes, his mer-cy to en-treat; to cry for ven - geance,

B. *p* *f*
 wet, wet eyes, his mer - cy to en-treat; to cry for ven - geance,

Org. *p* *mf*

Ped. *f*

32 *ff* *sempre ff*

S. *ff*
 sin doth ne ver cease, sin doth ne-ver cease, sin, sin doth ne - ver cease.

A. *ff* *sempre ff*
 ven - geance, ven - geance: sin doth ne-ver cease, sin doth ne - ver cease.

T. *ff* *sempre ff*
 ven - geance: sin doth ne ver cease, sin doth ne - ver cease, sin doth ne - ver cease.

B. *ff* *sempre ff*
 ven - geance, ven - geance: sin doth ne-ver, ne - ver cease.

Org. *f* *ff*

Ped. *ff*

L'istesso tempo ma più calmato

36

S. *pp* In your deep, deep floods, deep floods, *p* drown all my faults and

A. *pp* In your deep, deep floods, deep floods, *p* drown all my faults and

T. *pp* Mmm, In your deep, deep floods, deep floods, *p* drown all my faults, my

B. *pp* Mmm, In your deep, deep floods, *p* drown all my

Org. *pp*

Ped. *pp*

41

S. *pp* fears, nor let your eyes see sin, nor let your eyes see

A. *pp* fears, nor let your eyes see sin, your eyes see

T. *pp* faults and fears, nor let your eyes see sin, your eyes see

B. *pp* faults and fears, nor let your eyes, your eyes see

Org.

Ped.

44 *p* rit. *pp*

S. *p* *pp*
 sin, but through my tears, but through my tears.

A. *p* *pp*
 sin, but through my tears, but through my tears, but through my tears.

T. *p* *pp*
 sin, but through my tears, but through my tears, but through my tears.

B. *p* *pp*
 sin, but through my tears, my tears, but through my tears.

Org. *p* *pp*

Ped. *p* *pp*