

# Three Evening Contemplations

for unaccompanied SSA choir

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Text taken from  
"Markings" by  
Dag Hammarskjöld  
(1905 - 1961)

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# 1: Night is drawing nigh.

Dag Hammarskjöld (1905 - 1961) (from 'Markings')

William Armiger (1939)

**Moderato** ♩ = 72

S1. *mp* "Night is draw-ing nigh," "Night is draw - ing nigh,"

S2. *mp* "Night is draw-ing nigh," "draw - ing nigh,"

A. *mp* "Night is draw - ing nigh,"

6 *mf* *p* *mp* **accel.** < <  
"Night is draw - ing nigh." "draw - ing, draw - ing nigh." For all that

*mf* *p* *mp*  
"Night is draw-ing nigh." "draw - ing, draw - ing nigh." For

*mf* *p* *mp*  
"Night is draw - ing nigh." "draw - ing, draw - ing nigh. For

13 *mf* *f* *f* **rit.**  
has been, all that has been, all that has been, Thanks. Thanks.

*mf* *f* *f*  
all that has been, all that has been, all, all, Thanks. Thanks.

*mf* *f* *f*  
all that has been, all that has been, all, all, Thanks. Thanks.

20 *f* *mf* **accel.** *sempre cresc.*

Thanks. Thanks. For all that shall be, all that

*f* *mf* *sempre cresc.*

Thanks. Thanks. For all that shall be, all that

*f* *mf* *sempre cresc.*

Thanks. Thanks. For all that shall be, all that

26 *f* *ff*

shall be, all that shall be, "Yes!" "Yes!" "Yes!"

*f* *ff*

shall be, all that shall be, "Yes!" "Yes!" "Yes!"

*f* *ff*

shall be, all that shall be "Yes!" "Yes!" "Yes!"

# 2: Give me a pure heart.

**Larghetto** ♩ = 80

S1. *mp* that I may see\_\_\_ thee.

S2. *mp* that I may see\_\_\_ thee.

A. *mf* (Solo or Full) Give\_\_\_ me a pure\_ heart that I may see\_\_\_ thee. *mp* (Full) *mf* (Solo or Full) A

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*mp* a hum - ble\_\_\_ heart that I may

*mp* a hum-ble heart,\_\_\_ that I may

(Full) *mp* hum - ble\_\_\_ heart, a hum-ble heart, that I may\_

**poco accel.**

10 *mf* hear\_\_\_ thee. A heart of love, a heart of love,\_\_\_ a heart\_ of love that I may

*mf* hear thee. A heart\_ of love,\_\_\_ a\_ heart of love that I\_ may

*mf* hear thee. A heart of love that I may

15 *f* *mp* *rit.* *mf* *poco accel.*

serve thee; a heart of faith, a heart of  
 serve thee. a heart of faith, a heart of  
 serve thee. a heart of faith, a heart of

20 *molto rall.* *f*

faith, that I may abide in thee  
 faith, that I may abide in thee.  
 faith, that I may abide in thee.

### 3: Before thee, Father.

♩ = 80 **With gentle movement**

(Solo) *mf* (Full) *mf*

S1. Be - fore \_\_\_\_\_ thee, Fa - ther, In right - eous - ness \_\_\_\_\_

S2. \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* In right - eous - ness \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* In right - eous - ness \_\_\_\_\_

(Two solo voices) *mf* Bro -

6 and hu - mi - li - ty. With thee, \_\_\_\_\_ Bro -

and hu - mi - li - ty.

and hu - mi - li - ty.

11 ther. (Full) *mf* \_\_\_\_\_

- ther. In faith, in \_\_\_\_\_ faith \_\_\_\_\_ and

*mf* In faith, in faith, \_\_\_\_\_ in faith \_\_\_\_\_ and

*mf* In faith, \_\_\_\_\_ faith, \_\_\_\_\_ in faith \_\_\_\_\_ and

15 *f* *rit. p* *pp* **Calm and very legato**

cour - age. cour - age, cour - age. in thee, \_\_\_\_\_

cour - age. cour - age, cour - age. in thee, \_\_\_\_\_

cour - age. cour - age, cour - age. in thee, \_\_\_\_\_

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Spi - rit, in thee, \_\_\_\_\_ Spi - rit, in thee, \_\_\_\_\_ Spi - rit.

Spi - rit, in thee, \_\_\_\_\_ Spi - rit, in thee, \_\_\_\_\_ Spi - rit,

Spi - rit, in thee, \_\_\_\_\_ Spi - rit, in thee, \_\_\_\_\_ Spi - rit. In

25 (Solo) *p* **Lento** *pp* *pp*

S1. in still - ness, still - ness, with thee in still - - - ness.

S2. still - - - ness, still - ness, with thee in still - - - ness.