

for my Mom, Beulah Hood Cook

I WILL LIFT UP MY EYES

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied

Adapted from Psalm 121 and Isaiah 25:4
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Brightly (♩ = ca. 120-126)

ACCOMP.

mf

4 UNISON VOICES *mf* ⑤

I will lift up my eyes _ to the moun - tains, I will

7

seek the help _ of the Lord; _ I will lift up my eyes _ to

10

God a - bove, the keep - er of heav - en and earth. _

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13

S. *f unis.*

A. He is a home_ for the need - y, a shel - ter from_ the

T. *f unis.*

B.

f

16

storm; I will lift up my eyes_ to_ the Lord..

f

*(CLAP) x x x x

19

21 *mp*

You are our

mp

dim.

mp

*Optional throughout.

22

keep - er, You hold our hand;

25

You keep us safe from the e - vil in our

28

land. 29 *mf* You nev - er slum - ber,

31

sub. p *cresc.*

You nev - er sleep; You will keep us for -

sub. p *cresc.*

sub. p (*p*) *cresc.*

34

ev - er - more!

ff

ff

37

(CLAP) x . x . x . x . x . x . x .

mf

40

mf *unis.* (41)

I will lift up my voice_ sing-ing prais - es and

mf *unis.*

Lift up and

43

glo - ry in ___ God's name;_

sing God's name;_ I will lift up my voice_ to

46

to God whose love re - mains ___ the same. _

God a - bove whose

49

f

He is a home_ for the need - y, a shel - ter from_ the

f

52

unis.

storm; I will lift up my eyes,

unis.

I will

(CLAP) x x x

55

I will lift up my eyes_

lift up my eyes,

x x x x x

to the Lord! I will

lift up my eyes to God!

cresc. *ff*

cresc. *ff*

The musical score is arranged for voice and piano. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers measures 58-60, and the second system covers measures 61-64. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The piano part includes various textures, including chords and moving lines. The vocal line is written in a clear, legible font with lyrics underneath. There are dynamic markings like *cresc.* and *ff* throughout the score. A large red watermark 'PREVIEW ONLY - Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid on the score.

I Will Lift Up My Eyes is a general anthem that may also be appropriate for early Lent. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings for general occasions include I Kings 2:1-4 & 10-12, Psalm 121, Mark 7:1-23, and Ephesians 6:10-20; one basic homiletical theme is standing firm against evil, strengthened by the power of God whose salvation is everlasting. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings for Lent include Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Isaiah 24:4, John 3:1-17, and Romans 4:1-5 & 13-17; one basic homiletical theme is deliverance from oppression through the righteousness of faith.

In rehearsal, sing mm. 4-19 on a neutral syllable such as “noo” until the pitches, rhythm, and timbre are secure. To further refine the rhythm, practice the same section on staccato “doo,” a technique which will immediately highlight any trouble spots. The A sections (mm. 4-19 & 40-64) should be sung with great energy and a rather bouncy legato, feeling two basic pulses per measure. Contrast the B section (mm. 21-36) with a more flowing legato. In performance, the hand claps are optional and may be used only as deemed appropriate.

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