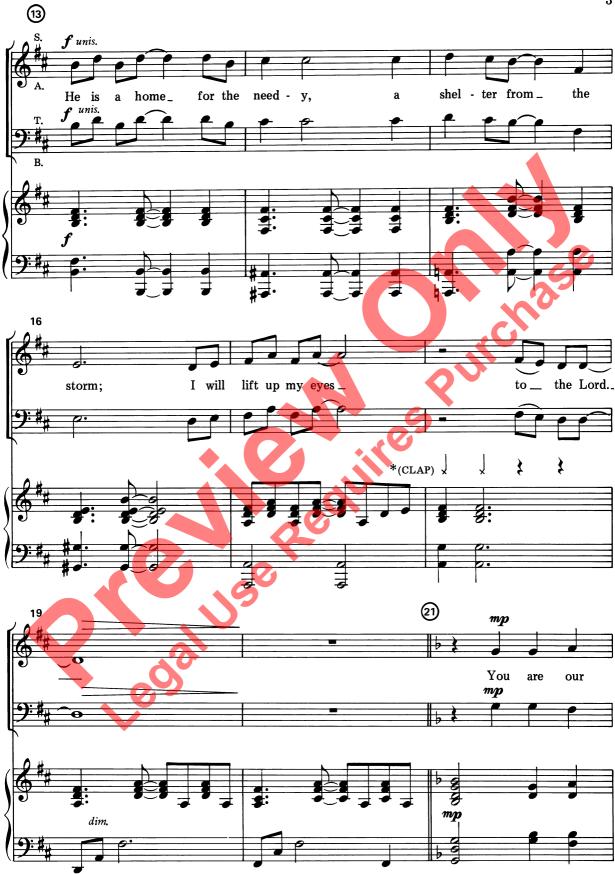
I WILL LIFT UP MY EYES

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



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*Optional throughout.











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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