

# Oh Father, May I Serve Thee

Vocal Solo for Higher male or female voice

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Moderato (♩ = 90) with reverent resolve

Musical score for the first system, measures 1-4. The vocal line begins with a whole rest in measure 1, followed by a whole note G4 in measure 2, and a whole note G4 with a fermata in measure 3. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C).

Oh

Musical score for the second system, measures 5-8. The vocal line features a melodic phrase starting on G4, moving up to A4, B4, and C5, then descending. A fermata is placed over the final note. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note pattern. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C).

*no breath*

Fa - ther, may I serve thee with my heart, with my might, and my mind. How I

Musical score for the third system, measures 9-12. The vocal line continues the melodic phrase from the previous system, ending on a whole note G4 with a fermata. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C).

long to be thy in - strument to help thee save man - kind, to

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help thee save man - kind, Un-ried and young, with un-learned

*ten.*

16 tongue, thy priest-hood yet I bear - Oh send me forth that while on

*poco cres.* *mf*

20 earth thy gos - pel I may share; thy

*no breath*

23 *mp* gos - pel I may share.

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27 *no breath*

Oh Fa - ther, in hu - mil - i - ty may I

31 *f*

praise — thy ho - ly name. Re - joi - cing in the priv' - ledge that

35 *mp*

I may bear the same, that I may bear thy

38 *poco a poco cres.*

name. Un - tried and young, with un - learned tongue, thy priest - hood yet I

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bear - Oh send me forth that while on earth thy gos - pel I may

share; thy gos - pel I may share. May I con - found

e - vil on the earth as it is a - bove, and sub-

mit my will to thine, and be filled, be filled with thy

58 *Slower, with majestic resolve* *no breath*

love. Oh Fa - ther, in hu - mil - i - ty may I

*rall.* *mf*

62 *mf* *f*

praise thy ho - ly name. Re - joi - cing in the priv' - ledge that

66 *mp*

I may bear the same, that I may bear Thy name.

70 *mp* *cres. poco a poco*

Un - tried and young, with un - learned tongue, thy priest - hood yet I

74

bear - Oh send me forth that while on earth thy faith, thy

78

*very big breath*

*opt*

*rit.*

love, thy truth, thy bles - - - sings

*rall.*

81

*a tempo*

share.

*rit.*

*molto rit.*

8vb