

for Sarah

O Perfect Love

SATB Choir and piano

"I pray also for those who believe in me
through their word, that they may all be one;
even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee."

- John 17:20

Dorothy F. Gurney
(1858 - 1932)

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Andante molto tranquillo (♩ = ca. 80)

8^{va}

Piano *pp dolce* *poco cresc.*

5 *rall.* *a tempo* *cantabile* *mp* *pedal freely*

10 *mp* *mp* *mp* *8^{va}* *L.H.* *low - ly we*

A all hu - man thought tran - send - ing

T O per - fect Love



15 *mp* low - ly be - fore your throne. That ours may

15 low - ly be - fore your throne. *mp* may

15 low - ly be - fore your throne.

15 kneel in prayer be - fore your throne.

15 *f* *mp*

20 *mp* be the love, the love which knows no end - ing whom You for

20 be the love, the love which knows no end - ing whom You for

20 *mp* the love, the love, which knows no end - ing *mp* whom You for -

20 the love, the love which knows no end - ing whom You for

20 *p* *molto cresc.*

20 *ped.* *

25 *rall.* ³ *Maestoso*

S
ev - er - more, for ev - er - more whom You for *p*

A
ev - er - more, for ev - er - more whom You for *p*

T
ev - er - more whom You for *mf* ev - er - more, for ev - er - more *p*

B
ev - er - more whom You for *mf* ev - er - more, for ev - er - more *p*

25 *rall.* *Maestoso*

30

S
ev - er - more u - nite in one.

A
ev - er - more un - ite in one.

T
un - ite in one.

B

30 *pp* *8va* L.H. *pp* *8va*

S 34

A 34

T 34

B 34

mp

O

mp

O

(8^{va})

rall.

loco

mp

espressivo

S 38

A 38

T 38

B 38

mp

mp

be now our full as - sur - ence

Per - - - fect Life,

Per - - - fect Life,

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42 Tempo II (♩ = ca. 105)

S and stead - fast faith

A and stead - fast faith

T of ten - der cha - ri - ty be now our

B of ten - der cha - ri - ty be now our

42 Tempo II (♩ = ca. 105)

pp mp espr.

46

S of pat - ient hope,

A of pat - ient hope,

T full as - sur - ence and qui - et brave en -

B full as - sur - ence and qui - et brave en -

46

50 *cresc.*

S
with child - like trust which knows no

A
with child - like trust knows no

T
dur - ance, child - like trust which knows no

B
dur - ance child - like trust which knows no

mf *cresc.*

Allargando

54

S
pain or death!

A
pain or death!

T
pain or death!

B
pain or death!

s

Tempo III (♩ = ca. 160)

a tempo

59

S *rall.* *f*

A *f*

T *f*

B *f*

Grant us the joy which

Grant us the joy which

Grant us the joy which

Grant us the joy which

Tempo III (♩ = ca. 160)

rall.

a tempo

59

sub mp *f*

65

S bright - ens earth - ly sor - - - - - row,

A bright - ens earth - ly sor - - - - -

T bright - ens earth - ly sor - - - - - row

B bright - ens earth - ly sor - - - - -

65

71

S Grant us the peace which calms all earth - - - - ly

A row Grant us the peace which calms all earth - - - - ly

T 8 Grant us the peace which calms all earth - - - - ly

B row Grant us the peace which calms all earth - - - - ly

77 *Molto Rit.*

S strife. And to life's day, the glor - ious un - known mor - row,

A strife. And to life's day, the glor - ious un - known mor - row,

T 8 strife. the glor - ious un - known mor - row,

B strife. the glor - ious un - known mor - row,

8va

77 *Molto Rit.*

83

S the glor - ious un - known mor - row that dawns, that

A the glor - ious un - known mor - row that dawns, that

T the glor - ious un - known mor - row that dawns, that

B the glor - ious un - known mor - row that dawns, that

86

S dawns up - on e - ter - nal love, e - ter - nal

A dawns up - on e - ter - nal love, e - ter - nal

T dawns up - on e - ter - nal love, e - ter - nal

B dawns up - on e - ter - nal love, e - ter - nal

90 *rall.* *a tempo*

S love and life! _____

A love and life! _____

T love and life! _____

B love and life! _____

90 *rall.* *a tempo* *molto espr.*

* only 1-2 lighter sopranos should sing the high B-flat

95 *Molto Allarg.*

sub. p e molto cresc.

99 *Tempo Primo* (♩ = ca. 80) *molto legato*

mf *cantabile*

Benediction

105

S

A

T

B

p espr.

Grant us the joy which

sempre sostenuto

pp

111

S

A

T

B

mp espr.

Grant us the

bright - ens earth - ly sor - - - - - row,

mp espr.

Grant us the peace which calms all earth - ly

117

S joy which bright - ens, peace which calms

A *mf espr.*
Grant us the peace which calms

T which calms

B strife, which calms

122

S O per - - - fect love. *p*

A O per - - - pect love. *mp*

T O per - fect love. *p*

B per - - - fect love. *mp*

122 *as before*

lunga

S.D.G.