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All State High School Honor Choir and Reunion Choir in celebration of their 50th Anniversary.  
Dedicated to my mother

# O Great Spirit / Let Me Walk in Beauty

translated by Chief Yellow Lark (c. 1850-c. 1915), alt.

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**Soprano**  
O Great Spi - rit, \_\_\_\_\_  
*p* O, \_\_\_\_\_  
*mp* O, \_\_\_\_\_

**Alto**  
*p* O, \_\_\_\_\_  
*p* O, \_\_\_\_\_  
O, \_\_\_\_\_

**Tenor**  
*p* O, \_\_\_\_\_  
O, \_\_\_\_\_  
O, \_\_\_\_\_

**Bass**  
*p* O, \_\_\_\_\_  
O, \_\_\_\_\_  
O, \_\_\_\_\_

**Piano**  
*for rehearsal only until m. 9*

**S**  
O Great Spi - rit, \_\_\_\_\_ whose voice I hear in the winds, \_\_\_\_\_  
*mp* Great

**A**  
O, \_\_\_\_\_  
*mp* Great

**T**  
O, \_\_\_\_\_  
O, \_\_\_\_\_  
*mp* Great

**B**  
O, \_\_\_\_\_  
O, \_\_\_\_\_  
*mp* Great

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*rit.*

whose breath gives life to all the world,

S  
Spi - rit. *pp* hear

A  
Spi - rit. *pp*

T  
Spi - rit. *pp*

B  
Spi - rit. *pp*

7 7 3 3

♩ = 100

S  
me.

A

T

B

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♩ = 100

*mp*

*pedal freely throughout*

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S

A

T *mp*  
I come be - fore you, one of your man - y child - ren, I am

B *mp*  
I come be - fore you, one of your man - y child - ren, I am

17

S

A

T  
small and weak, I need your strength and wis - dom.

B  
small and weak, I need your strength and wis - dom.

21 *mp*

S I come be - fore you, one of your man - y child - ren, I am

A *mp*  
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I come be - fore you, one of your man - y child - ren, I am

T

B

25

S small and weak, I need your strength and wis - dom, your wis - dom.

A small and weak, I need your strength and wis - dom, your wis - dom.

T

B *Please, do not photocopy.*



37

S make my eyes ev - er be - hold the

A make my eyes ev - er be - hold the

T make my eyes ev - er be hold the

B make my eyes ev - er be - hold the

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S rit. red and pur - ple sun - set. *pp* // a tempo Hear

A sun - - - set. *pp* // Hear

T sun - set, red and pur - ple sun - set. *pp* // Hear

B sun - - - set. *pp* // Hear

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S me.

A me.

T me.

B me.

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*mp*

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S *mf*  
Make my hands re - spect the things you have made,

A

T *mf*  
make my ears sharp to hear your voice,

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52 *mf*

S make me wise so that I may know the

A *mf* make me wise so that I may know the

T *mf* make me wise that I may know the

B *mf* make me wise that I may know the

56

S things you have taught my peo - ple, the

A things you have taught my peo - ple,

T things you have taught my peo - ple,

B things you have taught my peo - ple,

60

S les - sons you have hid - den in ev' - ry tree and rock, in ev' - ry tree and rock.

A *For perusal only.* in ev' - ry tree and

T *Please, do not photocopy.* in ev' - ry tree and rock, in ev' - ry

B in ev' - ry tree and rock,

63

S *rit.* I seek *f a tempo* strength not to be

A rock, ev' - ry tree and rock. I seek *f* strength not to be

T tree and rock. I seek *f* strength not to be

B in ev' - ry tree and rock, I seek *f* strength not to be

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S bet - ter than my bro - thers, but to

A bet - ter than my bro - thers, but to

T bet - ter than my bro - thers, my bro - thers,

B bet - ter than my bro - thers, my bro - thers,

69

S fight my great - est e - ne - my, to fight,

A fight my great - est e - ne - my, to fight,

T fight my e - ne - my, to fight my great - est

B fight my e - ne - my, to fight my great - est

72

S MY - SELF, MY -

A MY SELF, MY -

T e - ne - my, MY - SELF, MY -

B e - ne - my, MY SELF, MY -

*cresc.*

75

S SELF. Make me ev - er

A SELF. Make me ev - er

T SELF. Make me ev - er

B SELF. Make me ev - er

*poco rit.* *a tempo* ***ff***

*poco rit.* *a tempo* ***ff***



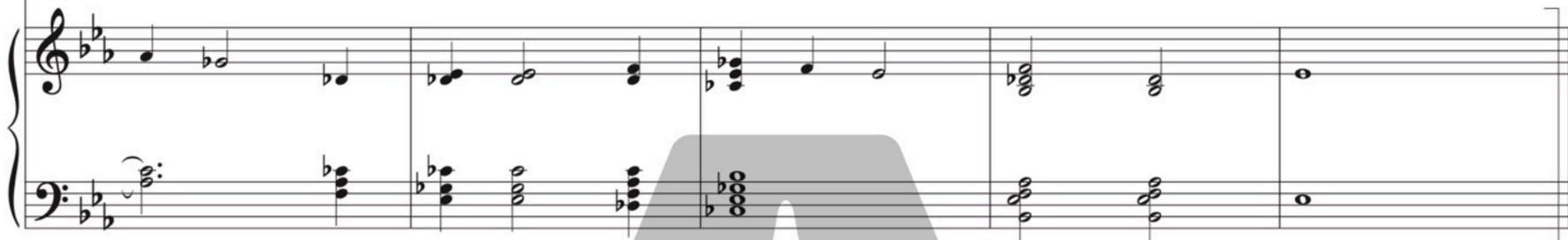
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S sun - set, my spi - rit may come to you with - out shame,

A *For perusal only.*  
my spi - rit may come with - out shame,

T *Please, do not photocopy.*  
my spi - rit may come with - out shame,

B my spi - rit may come with - out shame,



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S with - out shame.

A with - out shame.

T with - out shame.

B *For perusal only.*  
with - out shame.

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S

A

T

B

*mp*

*mp*

Let me walk in beau - ty, \_\_\_\_\_

Let me walk in beau - ty, \_\_\_\_\_



99

S

A

T

B

*mp*

*mp*

Let me walk in beau - ty. \_\_\_\_\_

Let me walk in beau - ty. \_\_\_\_\_

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S *pp* O Great Spi - rit, hear me.

A *pp* O Great Spi - rit, hear me.

T *pp* O Great Spi - rit, hear me.

B *pp* O Great Spi - rit, hear me.

*p*

*Ad.*

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S

A

T

B

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