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The Chord

for Alto Solo, TTBB Chorus unaccompanied

Words: Janet Lewis and
George Hunt Smyttan, 1856

Hymn tune: *Heinlein*
Neurenbergisches Gesangbuch, 1676
Setting: Thomas Bold

Andante ♩ = 95
mf

Tenor I
For - ty days and for - ty nights Thou wast fast - ing in the wild;

Tenor II
For - ty days and nights Thou wast fast - ing in the wild;

Baritone
For - ty days ——— Thou was fast - ing in the wild;

Bass
For - ty days ——— Thou was fast - ing in the wild;

* **Andante** ♩ = 95
(*mf*)

Keyboard
(for rehearsal only)

* The rehearsal accompaniment does not contain notes for the alto soloist.

Performance Notes:

A delicate balance must always be maintained between the dynamics of the underpinning chorus with the solo line. While the solo line is always intended to preempt the accompanying choral writing, the former is frequently a critical part of the harmonic structure of the overall texture and therefore should not obliterate the harmonic melding. Particular attention should be given when the solo line is found within the choral texture rather than above or below the accompanying harmonies.

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mf

bright — Be - yond — all dis - sem - bling —

mp

Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing pray'r, Strong with thee to suf - fer pain?

mp

Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing pray'r, Strong with thee to suf - fer pain?

mp

Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing pray'r, Strong with thee to suf - fer pain?

mp

Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing pray'r, Strong with thee to suf - fer pain?

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f

Struck — like the heart

mf

So peace di - vine — shall be;

mf

So peace di - vine; Glad - ness ours shall be;

mf

So shall we have peace di - vine; Ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;

mf

So shall we have peace di - vine; Ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;

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mf And left me, *mp* left me trem - bling.

p With thee ap - pear At the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

p That with thee we may ap - pear At the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

p With thee ap - pear Eas - ter - tide.

p With thee ap - pear Eas - ter - tide.

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