

Oh Father, May I Serve Thee

Vocal Solo

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Michael Smurthwaite, 6/99, for his
departing missionary son, Ben

Moderato (♩ = 90-100)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of three systems of music. The first system shows the vocal line starting with a whole note rest, followed by a half note G4, and then a whole note G4. The piano accompaniment begins with a treble clef and a bass clef, featuring a melodic line in the treble and a bass line in the bass. The second system starts at measure 5 and includes the lyrics: "Fa - ther, may I serve thee with my heart, with my might, and my mind. How I". A slur above the vocal line spans from measure 5 to measure 8, with the instruction "no breath" written above it. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady rhythmic pattern. The third system starts at measure 9 and includes the lyrics: "long to be thy in - stru - ment to help thee save man - kind, to". A slur above the vocal line spans from measure 9 to measure 12. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final cadence.

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

ten.

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

poco cres. *mf*

earth thy gos - pel I may share; thy

no breath

gos - pel I may share.

mp

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27 *no breath*

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

31

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

35

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

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

58 *rall.* *mf*

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

62

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

66

70 *mp* *cres. poco a poco*

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

70

74

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

78

love, thy truth, thy bles - - - sings

81

share.

8vb