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Psalm 22 (Mary's Lament)*

O, why have you forsaken him? Why are you so far from his cry, far from the words of his distress?
You brought him from the womb; you kept him safe upon my breast.
Why do you not answer? I have entrusted him to you since his birth.
Be not far away, not far from us; you are our strength.

Adapted from *The Psalter*,
The Book of Common Prayer

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
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*from *MUSIC FOR THE PSALMS*,
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

Note: Melodic lines and drones pass between parts; please make entrances and releases as seamless as possible.

$\text{♩} = 60$ Soloists Only *mf* sempre molto legato

SOPRANO *mf* sempre molto legato

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MEZZO-SOPRANO *mf* sempre molto legato *mp*

ALTO *mf* sempre molto legato *mp*

O why

6 **A** *mp*

S. *mp* why have you for - sa - ken him? why

S. *mp* why have you for - sa - ken him?

M.-S. *mf* O you for - sa - ken him? O why are you

A. *mf* O O (or - (sa - (ken him? O why are you

13 *f* *mf*

S. *f* so far far far from the

S. *mf* so so far so far from his cry, far from the

M.-S. *mp* so so far far from his cry, far from

A. *mp* so so far from

20 **B** Tutti

S. *mp* words, of his dis-tress?

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M.-S. *mp* words of his, his dis-tress? You brought him from the womb,

A. *mp* words words his dis-tress? from the womb,

C Soloists Only

27 *mf*

S. you kept him safe up - on my breast. You do not ans - wer

S. you kept kept him safe up - on my breast. You do not

M.-S. *mf* *mp* *mp* kept him safe safe up - on breast. do not

A. *mp* *mp* *mf* you kept safe up - on breast. You you do not ans -

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S. me. I have en-trust - ed him en -

S. ans - wer me, I have en- trust ed him haveen-trust-ed him en -

M.-S. *mf* me haveen - trust - ed him en -

A. *mp* *mf* *mp* wer have en trust ed him trust-ed him en -

D Tutti

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S. trust-ed him to you from his birth.

S. *mp* trust-ed him to from birth. *mf* Be not

M.-S. *mf* trust-ed him to you from birth. Be not far a - way

A. *mf* trust - ed to you from his birth. *mf* a - way

Van Ness, Psalm 22 (Why Have You Forsaken Him?)

E Soloists Only

4 42 *mf*

S. Be not far not far a way, not

S. be be not far not far a way, not

M.-S. *mp* *mf* *mp*

A. *mp* *mp*

be not far not far a way, not far

48 *mp* *mf*

S. far far from us

S. far far from us far from us.

M.-S. *mp* *mf*

A. *mf* *mp*

far from us us far

52 **F** *mf* Tutti

S. You are our strength our strength.

S. You are our strength our strength.

M.-S. *mf*

A. *mp* *mf* *mp*

You are strength our strength.

You are strength our

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S. A - - - men, a men.

S. A - - - men, a - men.

M.-S. A - - - men, a - men.

A. strength. A - - - men, a - men.