

for Daryl Bichel and Night Song, First Church in Cambridge, MA USA

CHILD OF THE BORDERLANDS

Psalm 70 (Be Pleased to Deliver Me)*

*Be pleased to deliver me; make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be ashamed and be dismayed.
I am poor and needy; come to me.
You are my helper, and my deliverer.*

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

Notes: use natural dynamics *mp-mf*;
stagger breathing between parts throughout;
bring out moving notes.

♩ = 60

sempre molto legato; senza vibrato

Soprano 1&2

Alto

Tenor

Bass

(ee) (ee)

Be (ee)

(ee) pleased to de - li - ver

Be

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S.

A.

T.

B.

make haste to help me. Let those who seek my

me, make has to help me. Let those who seek my

me, make help. Let my

make Let seek

Van Ness, Psalm 70 (Be Pleased to Deliver Me)

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S. life my _____ be a - shamed, _____ and be

A. _____ life _____ shamed, _____ and be

T. _____ my _____ life _____ a - shamed, _____ and _____

B. life _____ my _____ shamed. _____ and dis -

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A

S. dis - mayed. _____ am _____ and

A. dis - mayed. _____ I _____ poor _____

T. _____ dis - mayed. _____ poor _____ poor _____ and need -

B. _____ - - mayed. _____ I am _____

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S. _____ come, come, come to me. You _____ you _____

A. (dee come, come, come to me. You _____ you _____ you

T. _____ y, come, come, come me. You _____ you _____ you _____

B. _____ come, come, come me. You _____ you _____

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S. you you you are my help -

A. you are my help

T. you you are my help

B. you you you are help -

45

S. - - er, and my de - li - ver - er.

A. help - er, and my de - li - ver - er.

T. help - - er, and my (er.

B. - - er, and my (er