

for Susan Jane Matthews, DMA, and the Choirs of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame, CA,
The Rev. Thomas Skillings, Rector

Psalm 10 (O, Give Justice to the Child)*

*O, give justice to the child who is oppressed;
O, give justice to the child who is oppressed;
you will bring justice to the child who is oppressed;*

*so oppressors strike terror no more;
so oppressors strike terror no more;
so oppressors strike terror no more;
strike terror no more.*

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: Stagger breathing as needed,
even within words; *un poco vibrato*.

♩ = 60

ff

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Treble/Soprano 1

O, _____ O _____ O _____

From beginning to letter B: Treble/Soprano I must be heard over choir

ff **mf**

Soprano 2

O _____ O _____ O _____ O _____

From beginning to letter B: Treble/Soprano I must be heard over choir

ff **mf**

Alto

O _____ O _____ O _____

From beginning to letter B: Treble/Soprano I must be heard over choir

ff **mp** **mf**

Tenor

O _____ O _____ O _____ O _____

From beginning to letter B: Treble/Soprano I must be heard over choir

ff **mp** **mf**

Bass

O _____ O _____ O _____

Psalm 10 (O, Give Justice to the Child)

is one of a ten-psalm collection of anthems composed for children separated from their parents along U.S. borders,
and for lost children everywhere.

This collection of ten psalms is entitled *Child of the Borerlands*

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7 **A** **B**

S. *f* O, O O give jus - tice

S. *f* O O O O O give jus - tice

A. *f* O O O give jus - tice

T. *mp* *mf* *f* O O O give

B. *mp* *mf* *f* *mf* O O O give jus - tice to the

13 **C**

S. *mf* *mp* *f* child who is op - pressed, O give jus - tice child who is op - pressed,

S. *mf* *mp* *f* *mp* child who is op - pressed, O (tice child who is you give

A. *mf* *mp* *f* *mp* child who is op - pressed, O jus - tice to the child who is op - pressed you give

T. *f* *mp* O give just - ice child is you give

B. *mp* *p* *f* *mp* child O jus - tice child who is you give

20 D *ff* *mf*

S. *ff* *mf*
 O, *mf* O

sop. drop out when too low.

S. *ff* *mf*
 jus - tice to the child who is op - pressed

A. *ff* *mf*
 jus - tice to the child who is op - pressed

T. *ff* *mp* *mf*
 jus - tice child who is op - pressed. O O O

B. *ff* *mp* *mf*
 jus - tice to child who is op - pressed. O

27 E F *f* *mf* *mp* *f*

S. *f* *mf* *mp* *f*
 so op - pres - sors ter - ror no more, so

S. *f* *mf* *mp* *f*
 O O so op - pres - sors ter - ror no more, so

A. *f* *mf* *mp* *f*
 O so op - pres - sors strike ter - ror so op -

T. *f* *f*
 O so so op -

B. *f* *mf* *mp* *p* *f*
 O so op - pres - sors ter - ror so op -

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S. — strike ter - ror no more, more, —

S. — strike ter - ror no more, — *mp* sop. drop out when too low.

A. pres - sors strike ter - ror no more, so — *mp* op - pres - sors strike ter - ror no

T. pres-sors strike ter-ror more, — *mp* so — op - pres - sors strike ter - ror no

B. pres-sors strike ter-ror no more, so — *mp* op - pres-sors strike ter - ror no

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G

ff

S. O, — O

S. more. —

A. more. —

T. more. —

B. more. —

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S. *mf* *ff*
strike ter - ror no more.

S. *mf* *ff*
strike strike ter - ror no more.

A. *mf* *ff*
strike strike ter - ror no more.

T. *mp* *f*
strike, strike ter - ror no more.

B. *mp* *f*
strike, strike ter - ror no more.