

Commissioned in 2015 for the Song Company by Irene and Ken Hendricks,
in honour of their mothers, Therese Anichini and Dorothy Hendricks

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GOD BE WITH THE MOTHER

SSATB a cappella

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SAMPLE SCORE

Like plainchant (♩ = 72)

Musical score for Soprano 1, Soprano 2, and Alto, measures 1-6. The score is in G minor, 4/4 time, with a tempo of ♩ = 72. Dynamics include *p* (piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *p* (piano). The lyrics are: Soprano 1: O God be with the mother her child, Soprano 2: O God the mother As she car-ried her child, Alto: O God be with the mother As she car-ried her child.

Musical score for Soprano 1 (S1), Soprano 2 (S2), and Alto (A), measures 7-12. The score is in G minor, with time signatures changing from 6/8 to 4/4 and back to 6/8. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte). The lyrics are: may she car-ry her soul As her child was born, may she give birth and life and form to her.

Musical score for Soprano 1 (S1), Soprano 2 (S2), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B), measures 13-18. The score is in G minor, with time signatures changing from 6/8 to 2/4 and back to 6/8. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *mp* (mezzo-piano). A box labeled 'A' is above measure 14. The lyrics are: own high er truth O God be with the.

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S1. *mf*
nour-ished she nour-ished as she nour-ished and pro - tect-ed her child

S2. *mf* *p*
nour-ished she nour-ished as she nour-ished and pro - tect-ed her child la la la la la

A.
la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la

T. *p*
ooh

42

S1. may she nour-ish may she nour-ish and pro - tect her in-ner life

S2. la

A. may she nour-ish may she nour-ish la la la la la la la

T. ooh

B.

48 [C]

S1. *mp* *p*
as she nour-ished she nour-ished la la la la la la la la

S2. *mp*
la la la la la la la la la la la la la as she nour-ished she nour-ished

A. *mp*
la ooh la la la la la la la la la la la la

T. *mp* *mf*
ooh ooh

B. ooh ooh

54 *mf*

S1. she nour-ished and pro-tect-ed her child may she

S2. she nour-ished and pro-tect-ed her child may she

A. la may she

T. she nour - - - - - ish nour -

B. nour - - - - - ish ooh

59 *gentle*

S1. nour-ish she nour-ish and pro - tect may she nour-ish la la la la la la la oh

S2. nour-ish she nour-ish and pro - tect her in-ner life may she nour-ish and pro - tect la la la la la

A. nour-ish la la la la la la la la and pro - tect her in-de - pen-dence

T. - ish ooh may she nour-ish ooh doo doo

B. ooh may she doo doo

65 *mf* *f* *p*

S1. ooh may she

S2. la la la la la la ooh ooh

A. ooh

T. *mf* ooh *mf* *p* ooh

B. *mf* ooh *p* ooh

ooh

70 *f* *fp* *p* *poco rit.*

S1. nour-ish she nour-ish her own high er

S2. ooh own high er

A. ooh own high er

T. own high er

B. ooh own high er

SAMPLE SCORE

76 **D** A Tempo (♩ = 110)

S1.

S2. *pp* *p* (*simile*)

A. truth mum mum mum mum mum mum mum mum (*simile*)

T. tru(th) for her soul for her

B. *mp* for her soul shall be her soul shall

SAMPLE SCORE

80

S2. mum mum mum mum mum mum mum mum mum(m)

A. mum mum mum mum mum mum mum mum mum(m)

T. soul shall be her soul shall be her most

B. be for her soul her soul shall be shall be her most

SAMPLE SCORE

85

S2. *mum mum mum mum mum mum (mm)*

A. *p* *pp* *p*
 pain - ful mum mum mum mum mum mum dif - fi - cult

T. *mp* *mf*
 pain - ful birth Her most dif - fi - cult

B. *mp* *mf*
 pain - ful birth ooh

91

S2. *mf*
 mum mum mum mum mum

A. *pp* *p*
 child dear - - -

T. *f* *p*
 child and the dear - est the dear -

B. *p*
 child dear - est the dear -

98

S1. *pp* *mf*
 la la la la la la the dear la la la la

S2. *pp* *mf*
 the dear - est the

A. *p* *mf*
 - est the dear - est sis - ter to her the

T. *p* *mf*
 - est the dear - est sis - ter sis - ter

B. *p* *mf*
 - est dear - est sis - ter sis - ter