

"Welcome, Happy Morning" Age to Age Shall Say

for Mezzo-Soprano and Two Part Choir

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540-600) tr. John Ellerton, alt.

John Schimminger (b. 1950)

adagietto, sempre dolce ♩ = 55

3 *mp solo*

1. "Wel - come, hap-py morn-ing!" age to age shall say: hell

8

to-day is van - quished, heav'n is won to - day, is won to-day! Lo!

11

the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er more! Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works

16

a - dore, all his works a - dore!

20 *mp* all women

2. Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,

mp all men

2. Earth her joy con-fess-es, cloth - ing her for spring, cloth-

24

all fresh gifts re -

ing her for spring, all fresh gifts re -

26

turned with her re - turn - ing King: bloom in ev - ry mea -

26

turned with her re - turn - ing King: bloom in ev - ry mea -

29

dow, leaves on ev - ry bough, speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri -

29

- dow, leaves on ev - ry bough, speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri -

33

- umph now, hail his tri - umph now. -

33

umph now, hail his tri - umph now, -

37

mf

3. Months in due suc-cess - ion, days

mf

3. Months in due suc - cess - ion, days

37

mf

40

of length - 'ning light, hours and pass - ing

of length - 'ning light, hours and pass-ing mo -

40

43

mo - ments praise thee in their flight. in their flight. Bright - ness of the morn -

ments praise thee in their flight, in their flight. Bright - ness of the morn -

43

46

ing, sky and fields and sea, Van - quish-er of

ing, sky and fields and sea, Van - quish-er of

46

Detailed description: This system contains two staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "ing, sky and fields and sea, Van - quish-er of". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment. The music is in a key with one flat and a 4/4 time signature. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

49

dark - ness, bring their praise to thee, bring their praise to

dark - ness, bring their praise to thee, bring their praise to

49

mp

mp

Detailed description: This system contains two staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "dark - ness, bring their praise to thee, bring their praise to". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment. The music is in a key with one flat and a 4/4 time signature. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The dynamic marking *mp* (mezzo-piano) is present above the piano part.

52

thee. _____

thee. _____

52

molto rit.

Detailed description: This system contains two staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "thee. _____". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment. The music is in a key with one flat and a 4/4 time signature. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The dynamic marking *molto rit.* (molto ritardando) is present above the piano part.