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O Son of the Supreme!

for soprano or tenor and piano

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*I have made death a messenger of joy to thee. Wherefore dost thou grieve?
I made the light to shed on thee its splendour. Why dost thou veil thyself therefrom?*

*To the eternal I call thee, yet thou dost seek that which perisheth.
What hath made thee turn away from Our desire and seek thine own?*

*Bring thyself to account each day ere thou art summoned to a reckoning;
for death, unheralded, shall come upon thee and thou shalt be called to give account
for thy deeds.*

Bahá'u'lláh - Hidden Words, from the Arabic, numbers 32, 23 and 31

Duration: 3.5 mins

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To all who mourn over the loss of a loved one.

Words: Bahá'u'lláh

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Allegretto ♩ = 112

5

Voice

Piano

mf

p

mf

ped. sempre

8^{vb}

l.v.

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10

sempre mf

p

mf

sempre mf

p

8^{vb}

l.v.

8^{vb}

l.v.

ped.

Hidden Words (Arabic) number 32

15

p

mf

I have made death a mes-sen-ger of

p

mf

8^{vb}

l.v.

20 *f* *mp*

joy to thee. Where - fore dost thou grieve?

f *subito*
p

Ped. 8^{vb} I.v. 8^{vb}

25 rit. A tempo *mf*

mf *p* *sempre mf*

(8) I.v. 8^{vb} I.v.

30 *cresc.* *ff* *f* *mf*

made the light to shed on thee its splen - dour. Why dost thou

cresc. *ff* *f* *mf*

8^{vb} I.v. 8^{vb} I.v.

35 *p*

veil thy - self there - from?

p

8^{vb} I.v.

40 rit.

pp

Ped. 8^{va}

45 **Meno mosso, ♩ = 100** 50

Hidden Words (Arabic) number 23 *mf*

To the e - ter - nal I call thee,

mf *p* *mf*

Ped.

55 *più f*

yet thou dost seek that which pe-rish-eth. What hath made thee

p *mf* *più f*

Ped.

60 *marcato mf*

p

turn a-way from Our de-sire and seek thine own?

p

Ped.

65

mp *p* *pp*

seek thine own? thine own? thine own?

dim. *pp*

70

rit. *Tempo primo, ♩ = 112*

pp

8vb *l.v.* *8vb*

Ped.

75
Hidden Words (Arabic) number 31

p Bring thy-self to ac - count each day ere *mf*

p *pp* *mf*

(8) Ped. I.v. 8^{va} I.v.

80

thou art sum-moned sum - moned to a re-ckon-ing;

mf *sempre mf*

Ped. 8^{va} I.v. 8^{va}

85

p *f* *dim.* *rit.*

(8) Ped.

90

A tempo *pp* *p* *mf* *f*

for death, un - he-ral-ded, un - he-ral-ded, shall

pp I.v. 8^{va} I.v.

95

come u-pon thee, shall come u-pon thee, come u-pon

100

A tempo

thee and thou shalt be called, be called to

p cresc. f mf

Ped. *8^{va}*

105

give account for thy deeds.

mf p

8^{va} Ped. *I.V.*

110

rit.

115

pp

Ped. *8^{va}* *I.V.* *I.V.* *8^{va}*