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**Unfold! Take in His Light**  
for SATB chorus and organ

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### **UNFOLD! TAKE IN HIS LIGHT**

For chorus and organ

UNFOLD ! unfold ! Take in His light,  
Who makes thy cares more short than night.  
The joys which with His day-star rise  
He deals to all but drowsy eyes ;  
And, what the men of this world miss  
Some drops and dews of future bliss.

Hark ! how His winds have chang'd their note !  
And with warm whispers call thee out ;  
The frosts are past, the storms are gone,  
And backward life at last comes on.  
The lofty groves in express joys  
Reply unto the turtle's voice ;  
And here in dust and dirt, O here  
The lilies of His love appear !

*Henry Vaughan*

Duration 4 minutes

Text: Henry Vaughan

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**Slow and radiant ( $\text{♩}=60$ )**

Musical score for soprano, alto, tenor, bass, organ, and pedals. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system starts with a treble clef, a common time signature, and a dynamic of  $f$ . The second system begins with a treble clef, a common time signature, and a dynamic of  $ff$ . The vocal parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) have rests throughout the first system. The organ part (organ and pedals) has sustained notes. The organ part continues with eighth-note patterns in the second system. The vocal parts begin singing in the second system, with lyrics "Un-fold!" repeated four times followed by "Take in His". The organ part ends with a dynamic of  $ff$ .

Continuation of the musical score. The vocal parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) continue singing the lyrics "Un-fold!" followed by "Take in His". The organ part (organ and pedals) provides harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. The dynamic for the organ part in this section is  $ff$ .

11

S. light, Who makes thy cares more short than  
A. light, Un - fold! Un - fold!  
T. 8 light, Un - fold! Un - fold!  
B. light, Un - fold! Un - fold!

Ped.

15

S. night. The joys which with His day- star  
A. Who makes thy cares more short than night. The joys which with His day- star  
T. 8 Who makes thy cares more short than night. The joys which with His day- star  
B. Who makes thy cares more short than night. The joys which with His day- star

Ped.

19

S. rise He deals to all but drow-sy eyes; And, what the men of  
*p, delicate, non stacc.*

A. rise to all drow-sy eyes; And, what the men of  
*p, delicate, non stacc.*

T. 8 rise to all drow-sy eyes; And, what the men of this world  
*mp*

B. rise to all drow-sy eyes; And, what the men of this world  
*mp*

Ped. - - - - -

*delicate, non stacc.*

24

S. this world miss Some drops and dews of fu - ture  
*mp*

A. this world miss Some drops and dews of fu - ture

T. 8 miss Some drops and dews of fu - ture

B. miss Some drops and dews of fu - ture

Ped. - - - - -

27 **Joyful** ( $\text{♩} = 84$ )

S. bliss. *f* Hark! hark! hark! how His  
A. bliss. Hark! hark! hark! how  
T. <sup>8</sup> bliss. Hark! hark! hark! how His  
B. bliss. Hark! hark! hark! how

**Joyful** ( $\text{♩} = 84$ )

*f*

Ped.

30

S. winds <sup>3</sup> have chang'd <sup>3</sup> their note! *f* And  
A. — His winds <sup>3</sup> have chang'd <sup>3</sup> their note! *f* And  
T. winds <sup>3</sup> have chang'd <sup>3</sup> their note! *f* And  
B. — His winds <sup>3</sup> have chang'd <sup>3</sup> their note! *f* And

*f*

Ped.

33

S. — with warm whis - pers, whis - pers call thee out;

A. — with warm whis - pers call thee out;

T. 8 — with warm whis - pers, whis - pers call thee out;

B. — with warm whis - pers call thee out;

Ped.

36

S. The frosts are past, the storms are gone,

A. The frosts are past, the storms are gone,

T. 8 The frosts are past, the storms are gone,

B. The frosts are past, the storms are gone,

Ped.

*tempestuous*

39

S. - And *f* back - ward, back-ward  
A. - And *f* back - ward  
T. - And *f* back - ward, back - ward  
B. - And *f* back - - - ward

Ped.

41

S. life *3* at last *3* comes on. *mf*  
A. — life at last comes on. The *mf*  
T. life *3* at last *3* comes on. The *mf*  
B. — life *3* at last *3* comes on. The

Ped.

44 (♩=♩=84)

S.      A.      T.      B.

lof - ty groves in ex-press joys Re - ply un - to the tur-tle's voice; f  
 lof - ty groves in ex-press joys Re - ply un - to the tur-tle's voice; f  
 lof - ty groves in ex-press joys Re - ply un - to the tur-tle's voice; f  
 lof - ty groves in ex-press joys Re - ply un - to the tur-tle's voice; f

Ped.

48 Bold (♩=♩=84)

S.      A.      T.      B.

— And here in dust and dirt, O here —  
 — And here in dust and dirt, O, O here —  
 — And here in dust and dirt, O here —  
 — And here, here in dust and dirt, O here —

Ped.

52

S. — The li - lies of His love ap - pear!

A. — The li - lies of His love ap - pear!

T. — The li - - lies of His love ap - pear!

B. — The li - lies of His love ap -

Ped.

55

S. — | - |  $\frac{3}{4}$  - |  $\frac{4}{4}$

A. — | - |  $\frac{3}{4}$  - |  $\frac{4}{4}$

T. — | - |  $\frac{3}{4}$  - |  $\frac{4}{4}$

B. — | - |  $\frac{3}{4}$  - |  $\frac{4}{4}$

pear!

Ped.

58 **p**

S. His love ap - pear! His love ap - pear! His

A. His love ap - pear! His love ap -

T. His love ap - pear! His love ap - pear! His

B. His love ap - pear! His love ap - pear! His

Ped.

60 **f**

S. love ap - pear! His love ap - pear! His love ap - pear!

A. pear! His love ap - pear! His love, His love ap - pear!

T. love ap - pear! His love ap - pear! His love ap - pear!

B. love ap - pear! His love ap - pear! His love ap - pear!

Ped.

63 Slower, radiant ( $\text{♩}=60$ ) ***ff***

S. rit. al fine ***mf***

A.

T.

B.

Ped.

rit. al fine

S. ***ff***

A.

T.

B.

Ped. ***ff***

67

S. Take in His light. ***p***

A. Take in His light. ***p***

T. Take in His light. ***p***

B. Take in His light, take in His light. ***p***

S. ***p***

A.

T.

B.

Ped.