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**A GAELIC BLESSING**

Commissioned by the Chancel Choir, First United Methodist Church, Omaha, USA, for Mel Olson

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Words adapted from  
an old Gaelic rune

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Flowing and tranquil (♩ = 84) *p* Deep peace of the run-ning wave to you, —

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

Ch. *p* Sw. Deep peace to

Organ\*

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Deep peace of the flow-ing air to you, —

you, — Deep peace to you, —

\* The right hand of the organ part may alternatively be played on guitar.

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Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace

Deep peace of the earth to you, Deep peace

earth to you, Deep

*mp*

*mp*

Detailed description: This system contains the first two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line with lyrics 'Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace' and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics 'Deep peace of the earth to you, Deep peace' and 'earth to you, Deep'. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note melody in the right hand and chords in the left hand. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano).

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of the shin-ing stars to you, Deep peace of the gen-tle

of the stars to you, Deep peace of

peace of the

*p*

*p*

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth systems of music. The third system has a vocal line with lyrics 'of the shin-ing stars to you, Deep peace of the gen-tle' and a piano accompaniment. The fourth system continues the vocal line with lyrics 'of the stars to you, Deep peace of' and 'peace of the'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note melody and chords. Dynamics include *p* (piano).

21 night to you, Moon and stars pour their heal-ing light on

Musical score for measures 21-25. It features a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment, and a grand staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The vocal line starts with a melodic phrase in measure 21, followed by a sustained note in measure 22, and then continues with a descending line in measures 23-25. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamic markings include *mp* (mezzo-piano) in measures 21, 22, and 24.

26 you, Deep peace of Christ, of

Musical score for measures 26-30. It features a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment, and a grand staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The vocal line begins in measure 26 with a melodic phrase, followed by a sustained note in measure 27, and then continues with a descending line in measures 28-30. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamic markings include *p* (piano) in measure 26, *cresc.* (crescendo) in measures 27, 28, and 29, and *dim.* (diminuendo) in measure 30.

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*mf cresc.* Christ the light of the world to you, *dim.*

Christ the light of the world to

*mf cresc.* Christ, of Christ the *f* light of the world to *dim.*

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*mp* Deep peace of Christ to you. *dim.* *rall.* *pp*

you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

you, Deep peace of Christ to you.