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Dedicated to the Purcell Singers

THE ANNUNCIATION

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Soprano

Tranquillo ♩ = 105 *p*

The an - gel and the girl are ...

Alto

Tranquillo ♩ = 105 *p*

The an - gel and the girl ... met.

Tenor

Bass

Organ {

Tranquillo ♩ = 105 *pp*

Ped

PREVIEW

Low Resolution

Earth was the on - ly meet-ing place.

Earth was the on - ly meet-ing place.

Earth was the on - ly meet-ing place.

p (Swell)

For the em - bodied - yet

For the em - bod - ied - yet

Gt.

Sw. *poco f.*

A large diagonal watermark reading "PREVIEW" is overlaid across the music.

Travelled be - yond the shore of space.

Travelled be-yond the shore of space.

A large diagonal watermark reading "Low Resolution" is overlaid across the music.

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The e - ter - nal spi - rits in _ free - dom go.

in free - dom go.

p Choir

See,

While the

While the

See,

Ped.

PREVIEW

Low Resolution

p

they have come to - go - ther —————— see,

des - troy - ing mi - nutes flow ——————

des - troy - ing mi - nutes flow ——————

they have come to ——————

mp

Clouds in - er's face — Till heav'n in

des - troy - ing, des - - troy - ing

des - troy - ing, des - - troy - ing

mp

each re - flects the oth - er's face — Till heav'n in

p

Manual

P
PREVIEW
Low Resolution

hers and earth in his Shine steady

mi - - - - - nutes flow,

mi - - - - - nutes flow

hers and earth in his steady

then

Im-med ia - cy of stran - gest strange - ness -

Im-med ia - cy of stran - gest strange - ness

poco f.

mp 

Solo
Yet the in -

— is the bliss — That from their limbs all m — ment takes.

— is the bliss That from their limbs all m — ment takes.

mp crescendo

- creas - in - rap - ture strings great a won - der

great a won - der

So great a won - der

the in - creasing rap-ture brings So

Yet the in - creasing rap - ture brings So

PREVIEW
Low Resolution

that it makes Each feather trem - ble on his wings.

fea - ther fea - ther trem - ble - on his wi -

great a won - der

great a won - der

Poco più mosso

foot - -

Out-side the win - - - - dow foot -

foot - -

Out-side the win - - - - dow foot -

Gt.

(Man.)

PREVIEW

Low Resolution

steps fall In - to the ord - i - na - ry

steps fall In - to the ord -

steps fall In - to the ord - i - na - ry

steps fall In - to the ord - i - na - ry

PREVIEW

Low Resolution

legato
day, the sun — a - long the —
day, the sun — a - long the —
legato
And with the sun — a - long the —
legato
day And with the sun — a - long — the —