

Forever?

A song cycle of 10 songs

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Song 8: A Hymn's Review?

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Quietly bluesy ♩ = 120 MELODY 1

Sing-ing the words in a Me-thod-ist Church

8 *optional divisi*

on an un-named road in Free-town where eve-ry-one dressed

13 *unison*

for the first Sun-day ser-vice we re-turn-nees de-clar-ing our-selves

18 A *optional divisi*

through song words pull-ing us in call-ing us home

23 unison

— sing-ing "like me" — sing-ing we're free — sing-ing of hope

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28

— that we need God's grace — for Grace is the world's re-demp - tion;

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35 **B** optional divisi

John New-ton writ-ing the hymn of pla-ces which — be-gin with a

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40 unison

win-dow of sun and morn-ing ap - pear -

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44 **C** rit. .

ing.

ing.

52 MELODY 2

p

Sing-ing the words_____ the weight of them press_____ through my con-scious

p

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56

mf *mp*

ness, my child-hood_ in tai-lor's bless-ings_ the hymn on our tongues,_

mf *mp*

ness, my child-hood_ in tai-lor's bless-ings_ the hymn on our tongues,_

62

mf

we Si-er-ra Le-o - neans - in - di - ge-nous! from the ve-ry first verse,___

mf

we Si-er-ra Le-o - neans - in - di - ge-nous! from the ve-ry first verse,___

67 D

f *f*

push-ing us down for - get-ting our song,___ that word

f *f*

push-ing us down for - get-ting our song,___ that word

72

mf

"wretch" a word on its knees re - pent-ing___ our pride in our-selves

mf

"wretch" a word on its knees re - pent-ing___ our pride in our-selves

77

rit.

in this coun-try lives the sto - ry of sla - ve - ry. These

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82

E *p* Poco meno mosso (♩ = c.72)

do hmm ooh

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names Leices-ter, Wa-ter loo -AND New- ton - haunt our coast-line where, in-side,

names Leices-ter, Wa-ter loo -AND New- ton - haunt our coast-line where, in-side,

87

F *mp* accel. *mf*

ah ooh

ah ooh

snow is fall - ing eve - ry - where.

snow is fall - ing eve - ry - where.

Quasi tempo primo, ma più lento ♩ = 104

92

mf Sing-ing the words

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mf keeping the indignation as much as possible

(T.B. 8ve down at fine.) Sing-ing the words

100

mf in a Me thod ist Church

mf on an un - named

mf in a Me thod-ist Church

mf on an un - named

the weight of them press_ through my

104

road in Free - town_ where eve-ry-one dressed

road in Free - town_ where eve-ry-one dressed

con-scious - ness_ my_ child-hood

107

ser - vice

for the first Sun - day ser - vice

for the first Sun - day

in tai-lor's bless-ings the hymn on our tongues

110

we re-turn-nees

de-clar-ing our - selves

we re-turn-nees

de-clar-ing our - selves

we Si - er - ra Le - o - neans -

113

through song

G

through song

in - di - ge - nous! from the ve - ry first verse,

117 *f* *mp*
 words pull-ing us in___ call-ing us home___ sing-ing "like me"__

f *mp*
 words pull-ing us in___ call-ing us home___ sing-ing "like me"__

— push-ing us down for - get-ting our song, that word

121 *mf* *mf*
 sing-ing we're free___ sing - ing of hope

mf *mf*
 sing - ing we're free___ sing - ing of hope

"wretch" a word on its knees___

124 *f* *mp*
 that we need___ God's grace for

f *mp*
 that we need___ God's grace___ for

re - pent - ing our__ pride__ in our - selves__

127 Grace is the

Grace is the world's re - demp - tion;

in this coun-try lives the sto - ry of...

132

H

John New-ton wri-ting the hymn of___

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— sla - ve-ry Leices-ter, Wa-ter loo - AND New- ton -

137

mp

pla - ces which___ be gin with a win-dow of sun and

pla - ces which___ be gin with a win-dow of sun and

haunt our coast- line -

141 I

morn-ing ap - pear - ing,
 morn-ing ap - pear - ing,
 where in-side snow is fal - ling eve - ry-

**divisi sops optional (lower part is the more improtant)*

147

be-gin with a win - dow of sun and morn - ing
 be-gin with a win - dow of sun and morn - ing
 where, snow is fall - ing

151

rit. *mf*

ap - pear - ing.
 ap - pear - ing.
 eve - ry - where.

**divisi basses optionl (higher part is the more important)*