

Song of Lady Wisdom

(from the oratorio *Prophet Songs*)

for SSAA chorus & piano

(Piano reduction by the composer)

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Text from Proverbs 8 & 9

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Allegretto ♩ = 76

Soprano Chorus

Alto Chorus

f I, Wis-dom,

f I, Wis-dom,

S

A

take my stand on the heights and at the cross-roads, by the gates of the cit-y I cry

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8

S out. _____ *mf* Lis - ten all you peo - ple!

A out. _____ *mf* Lis - ten all you peo - ple! My

12

S for my lips de - test e - vil.

A mouth speaks truth All the works of my mouth are right - eous - ness,

15

S noth - ing false or crook - ed is in them.

A _____ Choose my in - struc - tion rath - er than sil - ver,

15 *8va*

17

S knowl - edge rath - er than fin - est gold,

A for wis - dom is bet - ter than ru - bies;

17

17

20

S noth - ing you de - sire can com - pare with her. *f* The fear of the Lord is ha - tred of e - vil;

A *f* The fear of the Lord is ha - tred of e - vil;

20

20

24

S I hate pride and ar - ro - gance. *mf* Coun - sel and strong

A I hate pride and ar - ro - gance.

24

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29

S
judg - ment are mine, *f* By me kings rule

A
mf I have in - sight and pow'r. *f* and

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S
mf I love those who love me,

A
prin - ces de - cree jus - tice. and those who seek me will

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S
mp God brought me forth at the be - gin - ning of the world; *mf* when

A
mp find me. God brought me forth at the be - gin - ning of the world; *mf* when

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40

S God es - tab - lished the heav - ens, I was there. *f* I was with God at the foun -

A God es - tab - lished the heav - ens, I was there. *f* I was with - God at the foun -

40

43

S da - tion of the earth.

A da - tion of the earth.

43

46

S *mf* There - fore, chil - dren lis - ten to me: Blessed are those who keep my ways;

A *mf* There - fore, chil - dren lis - ten to me: Blessed are those who keep my ways;

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50 *f*

S those who find me find life and re - ceive the fa - vor of the Lord.

A those who find me find life and re - ceive the fa - vor of the Lord.

54

S

A

54

59 *A little slower* (♩ = c. 69) *rit.*

S The fear of the Lord is the be - gin - ning of wis - dom.

A The fear of the Lord is the be - gin - ning of wis - dom.

59 *mf* *rit.*