

## The Last Words of David

2 Samuel, xxiii, 3, 4

**For Four-part Chorus of Mixed Voices  
(With Orchestral\* or Piano Accompaniment)**

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Maestoso ( $\text{J} = 60$ ) ***ff***

SOPRANO      He that rul-eth o - ver  
 ALTO            He that rul-eth o - ver  
 TENOR          He that rul-eth o - ver  
 BASS            He that rul-eth o - ver

Maestoso ( $\text{J} = 60$ )

PIANO          ***ff***      7      7      7      7      8      7

men must be just, must be  
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Ped. \* V 6 (l.h.) 6 Ped. \*

*sffz p cresc.*

just, ————— must be just, —————

*sffz p cresc.*

just, ————— must be just, —————

*sffz p cresc.*

just, ————— must be just, —————

*sffz p cresc.*

just, ————— must be just, —————

*(l.h.)* *sffz p cresc.*

*Red. \** *Red.* *\*Red.* *\**

① *Mosso* *rall.*

*f cresc.*

*rul-ing in the fear of*

*ff* *rall.*

*f cresc.*

*rul-ing in the fear of*

*ff* *rall.*

*f cresc.*

*rul-ing in the fear of*

*ff* *rall.*

*f cresc.*

*① rul-ing in the fear of*

*Mosso* *(rall.)*

*f p cresc.*

*(r.h.)* *ff*

*Red. \**



(3) *pp*

And he shall be as the light of the morn-ing,

*pp*

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(3)

*p (r.h.)* *(l.h.)* *mp* *pp*

*(pp)* *\*Ted.* *\*Ted.* *\*Ted.* *\*Ted.* *\*Ted.*

*poco cresc.* *mf* *3*  
when the sun ris - eth, e - ven a

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when the sun ris - eth, e - ven a

*poco cresc.* *mf cresc.* *chiaro*  
*\*Ted.* *\*Ted.* *\*Ted.* *\*Ted.*

f dim. mp p (4) cresc. 3  
 morn - ing with-out clouds; as the ten-der grass spring-ing out of the  
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 dim. f mp p cresc. 3  
 morn - ing with-out clouds; as the ten-der grass spring-ing out of the

(4)  
 \*<sup>a</sup>Led. \*<sup>a</sup>Led. \*<sup>a</sup>Led. \*<sup>a</sup>Led. \*<sup>a</sup>Led. \*<sup>a</sup>Led.

f ff =  
 earth by clear shin - - - - - ing  
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 earth by clear shin - - - - - ing  
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f ff >>>  
 \*<sup>a</sup>Led. \*<sup>a</sup>Led. \*<sup>a</sup>Led. \*<sup>a</sup>Led.

(5) *meno f*      *mf*      *p poco rall.*  
 af - ter rain, af - ter rain, af - - - ter

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 af - ter rain, af - ter rain, af - - - ter

*meno f*      *mf*      *p poco rall.*  
 af - ter rain, af - ter rain, af - - - ter

*meno f*      *mf*      *p poco rall.*  
 af - ter rain, af - ter rain, af - - - ter

*poco rall.*

*sforzando meno f*      *mf*      *mp dim.*  
 \**ped.*      \**ped.*      \**ped.*      \**ped.*      *ped.*

(6) *Poco più lento (♩ = 44)*  
 rain. . .

rain. . .

rain. . .

rain. . . *pp* *p* *Al - le - lu -*

(6) *Poco più lento (♩ = 44)*

*p* *mp* *pp* *p* *pp*  
*p* *mp* *p* *pp* *p*

*pp* *\** *p* *pp* *p*



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(7) Sostenuto *p* ia. A - - - men, a - - -

*p* ia. A - - - men, a - - -

*p* *mp legato* ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

*p* ia, A - - - men, a - - -

(7) Sostenuto *pp* (pp) *ped.* \*

*mf divisi* 8 men, a - - - men, a - - men.

*mf* *p* *pp* (*unison*) *mf* > *pp* men, a - - - men, a - - men.

*mf* *mp* *mf* > *pp* al - le - lu - ia.

*mf divisi* 8 men, a - - - men, a - - men.

*pp* *p dim.* *mp* *p* *pp* (*r.h.*) *mf* (*> pp*)

*ped.* \* (Sustaining Ped.) *vuoto* *ped.* \*

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