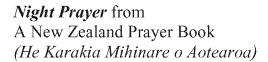
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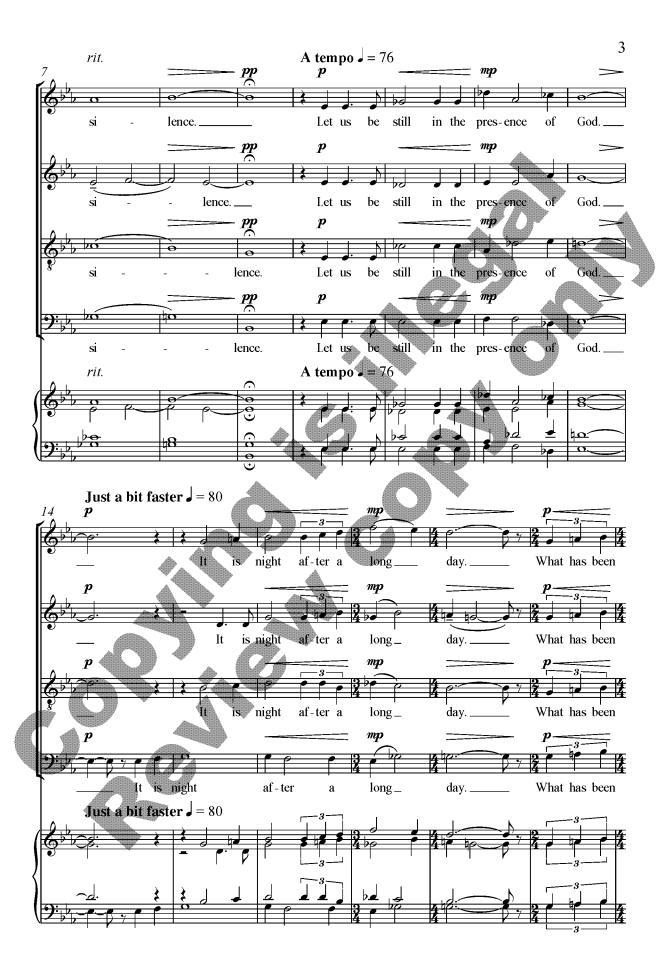


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Night Prayer

Lord,

it is night.

The night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done lef it be

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives

rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quictness of your peace enfold us, and those all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, to new joys, and to new possibilities.

In your name we pray. Amen.

NOTES

The text of *Night Prayer* was written by the Rev. John Williamson in 1987 for inclusion in A New Zealand Prayer Book. The tone of the prayer is both traditional and contemporary. Its natural and intended use is as part of the Compline service, the final service of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. This setting is in a reverent, chorale style, rising to a climax with the words, "Let us look... to a new day, to new joys, and to new possibilities." *Night Prayer* was commissioned by Good Company, a chamber choir based in Cleveland, Ohio, and was premiered on May 15, 2016.

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