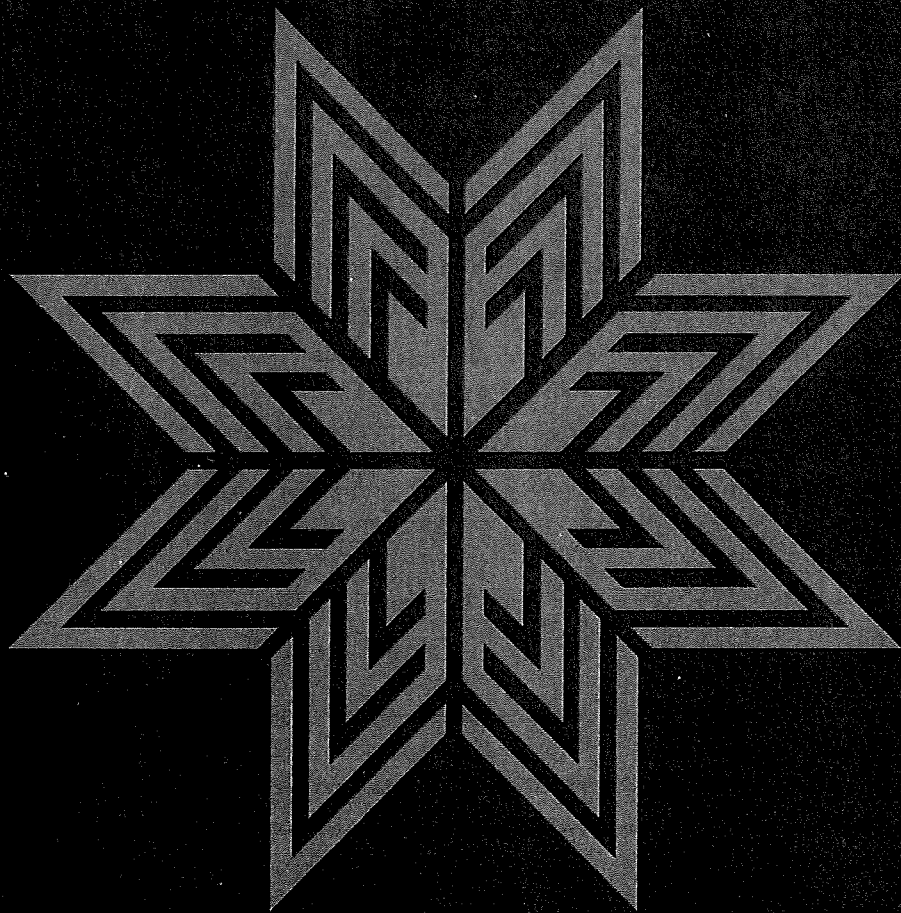


TTBB

Prayer *of the Children*

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Performance time: 5:15

Freely, with much feeling ♩ = ca. 52

* *unis. mp*

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Can you hear the pray'r of the chil - dren on bend - ed

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unis. mp

knee, in the shad-ow of an un - known room? Emp - ty

5

cresc.

eyes with no more tears to cry, turn - ing

p cresc.

With intensity

mf unis.

heav - en - ward toward the light. Cry - in' **Je - sus

mf unis.

*May be sung 1/2 step lower
**Alternate text: Who will

9 *f*

help me _____ to see the morn-in' light _____ of one more day, but if

I should die be-fore I wake, I pray my soul to take. Can you _____

mp *mf*

13

feel _____ the hearts of the chil - dren _____ ach - ing for

mp

home, _____ for some-thing of their ver - y _____ own. Reach - ing _____

unis.

17

hands _____ with noth - ing to hold on to, _____ but hope for a

With intensity

bet - ter day, a bet - ter day. Cry - in' *Je - sus

21 *f*

help me to feel the love a - gain in my own land, but if

Slowly

un-known roads lead a-way from home, give me lov - ing arms, way from harm.

26 ****Briskly, with growing intensity**

Woh, lah dah dah ***dohm,
Ooh, woh, lah dah dah ***dohm, lah dah dah lah dah dohm,
Ooh lah dah dah ***dohm,

* Alternate text: Who will

** Utilize energetic intensity to achieve briskness, waiting until meas. 29 to increase tempo.

*** Close to *mmm* sound on *dohm* each time.

Slightly faster $\text{♩} = 80$ *ff* *dim. e rit.* *unis. mp* Tempo I

Woh, doh doh dah dah doh. Can you

33 *ten.* *hushed p*

hear the voice of the children softly

ff *sfz*

pleading for silence in their shattered world? Angry

Resolute *mf* *cresc.* *ff* *Warmer, smoothly* *unis.*

guns preach a gospel full of hate, blood of the innocent on their

mp *ff* 41

hands. Cry-in' *Je-sus help me ___ to feel the sun a-gain _ up-on my face? For when

mp *unis.* *ff*

rit. e dim. *mp* 44 *a tempo unis.* *pp*

dark - ness clears, I know you're near, bring - ing peace a - gain. ___ Da - li ___
(Dol - ly ___ unis. *pp*)

rit. e dim. *mp* *pp*

cresc. 3

čů - je te ___ sve dje - čje mol - it - ve? ___
chew - ye tay ___ sfay dyay-chyay mo - leet - vay? ___)

cresc.

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Rubato *rit. e dim.* *p* *morendo*

Can you hear the pray'r of the chil - dren?

rit. e dim. *p* *morendo*

* Alternate text: Who will
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