In memory of E.T.C.

FUNERAL IKOS

JOHN TAVENER
(1981)

Always quiet, solemn and flexible ($\quad$ = c.88)

Sopranos

Altos

Tenors

Basses

Piano for
rehearsal only

p e legato sempre

Why these bit - ter___ words of the dy - ing, O___ brethren, which they

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ut - ter as they go hence? I am par-ted from my brethren. All my friends do I a - bandon, and go

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hence. But whith-er I go, that un-der-stand I not, nei-ther

unis.

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what shall be-come of me yon-der; On-ly God, who hath sum-moned me

div.

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dolciss.

Al - le -

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know-eth. But make com - mem - o - ra - tion of me with the song:_____ *dolciss.* Al - le -

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- lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - ia.

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- lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - ia.

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S. But — whith-er now go the souls? How dwell they now to - geth-er there? This —

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S. mys-tery have I de-sired to learn, but — none can im-part a - right. Do they

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S. call to mind their own peo - ple, as we do them? Or have they for-got - ten all

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those who mourn them and make the ___ song: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

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Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

- lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia. We go forth on the path e - ter - nal, and as con -

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- demned, with down-cast fa - ces, pre - sent our-selves be - fore the on - ly God e -

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- ter - nal. Where then is come-li-ness? Where then is wealth? Where then is the glo - ry of this

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world? There shall none of these things aid us, but on – ly to say— oft the

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T. If thou hast shown mer - cy un - to man, O man, that same mer - cy shall be

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T. shown thee there; and if on an or-phan thou hast shown com - pas - sion, the

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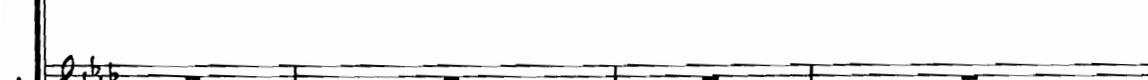**B.** shown thee there; and if on an or-phan thou hast shown com - pas - sion, the

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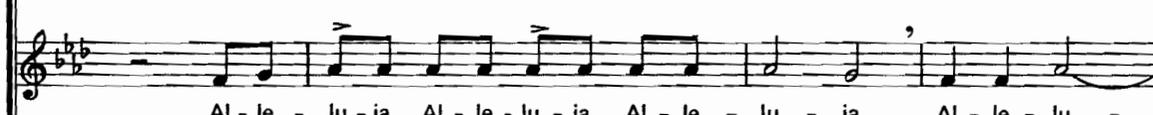
Tenor: clothed, the same shall give thee shel - ter there, and sing the
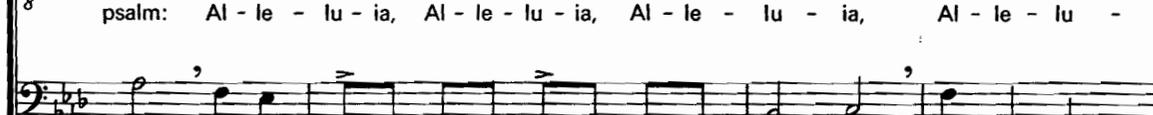
Bass: clothed, the same shall give thee shel - ter there, and sing the
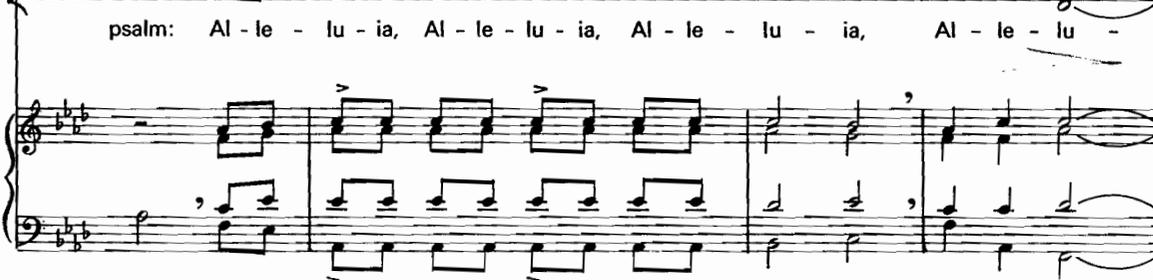
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hour of death, and the tongue then burn-eth fierce - ly, and the parched throat is inflamed. The —

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beau-ty of the eyes is — quenched then, the — come-li - ness of the

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face all — al - tered, the — shape - li-ness of the neck des - troyed; And the

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oth – er parts have be - come numb, nor of - ten — say Al - le -

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Al - le -

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With __ ec - stas - y are we in - flamed if we but hear that there is

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light e - ter - nal yon - der; that there is Pa - ra - dise, where - in eve - ry

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soul of Right-eous Ones re - joic - eth. Let us all, al - so, en - ter in - to

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Christ, that all we may cry a - loud thus un - to God:

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