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SSAA with Mezzo-soprano Solo

Traditional American song
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Soulfully ♩ = c. 44

The musical score is written for Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto 1, and Alto 2. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Soulfully' and a metronome marking of ♩ = c. 44. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'I'm just a poor way-far-in' strang-er a-trav-'lin' through this world of woe, but there's no sick-ness, toil, or dan-ger in that bright land to which I go. I'm go-in' there to see my fath-er. I'm go-in' there no more to roam. I'm on-ly go-in' o-ver Jor-dan, I'm on-ly go-in' o-ver home. I know dark clouds will gath-er o'er me. I know my way is rough and steep, but gol-den fields lie out be-'. The score includes dynamic markings such as *pp*, *p*, and *f*, and performance instructions like 'Stagger breath' and 'Slightly faster ♩ = c. 48'. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the key of B-flat major.

23

fore me, where God's re - deemed — their vig-ils keep. I'm go-in' there — to see my moth-er. She said she'd

mp

oo oo oo

28

meet — me when I come. I'm on-ly go - in' o-ver Jor-dan, I'm on-ly go - in' o-ver

p

ah oo ah oo

Five-part split (no solo)

33

home. I'll soon be free — of earth-ly tri-als. This form will rest — be - neath the sod. I'll drop this

mp

S2 (melody) *mp*

S1 *mp*

S3 *mp*

A1 *mp*

A2 *mp*

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Broadly ♩ = c. 76

38

cross — of self-de - ni - al and en-ter in — my home with God. I'm go - in' there —

mf *ff*

cross — of self-de - ni - al and en-ter in — my home with God. I'm go - in' there —

mf *ff*

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