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 First United Methodist Church, Waynesville, North Carolina,
 in honor of David Traynham for his service as Director of Music, 2000-2010

Sometimes a Light Surprises

SATB, *Children's Choir or Soloist, and Keyboard

William Cowper

J. Jerome Williams
 James Gossler

With flowing motion (♩ = 88)

Children's Choir

Keyboard

mp

5

mf

Some -

mp

* A Soloist may be used in place of a Children's Choir throughout.

Text: William Cowper, 1731-1800, *alt.* (PD).

Tune: NYLAND (*KUORTANE*), Finnish folk melody (PD).

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times a light surpris - es God's chil - dren when they sing; it

13

is the Lord who - ris - es with heal - ing in - his wings. When

**Div. f*

mf

17

com - forts are de - clin - ing, God grants - the soul a - gain - a

Unison mf

mp

21

sea - son of clear - shin - ing to cheer it - af - ter rain.

(- Children)

*When performed with a Soloist, the Children's Choir *divisi* at beat four of measure 16 through beat three of measure 20 may be sung as a duet.

25 *mp* In ho - ly con - tem -

S A *mp* in con - tem -

T B *mp* *

29 pla - tion

pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue the theme of God's sal -

33 *mf*

va - tion, and find it ev - er new. Set free from pres - ent

mf

mf

*Measures 28, beat two through measure 43, beat three may be sung *a cappella* at Director's discretion.

37

dim. *mp*

sor - row we cheer - ful - ly can say, let

dim. *mp*

dim. *mp*

40

the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it

43

may.

mf *cresc. poco a poco*

opt. Organ Ped.

Slightly slower, with majesty

48 *poco rit.* ***f***

opt. Descant

Soprano Alto *poco rit.* ***f*** Unison ***f*** (+ Children's Choir)

Tenor Bass *poco rit.* ***f*** Unison ***f***

Keyboard *poco rit.* ***f***

Slightly slower, with majesty

a light sur - pris - es

Some - times a light sur - pris - es God's

51

God's— chil - dren when they sing; it is the Lord who ris - es,

chil - dren when they sing; it is the Lord who— ris - es with

*Children's Choir sings with Sopranos from measure 48, beat three through measure 60, beat three.

55

(end Descant)

heal - ing in his wings;

heal - ing in his wings; And God the same a - bid - ing, whose

opt. Organ Ped.

59

(- Children)

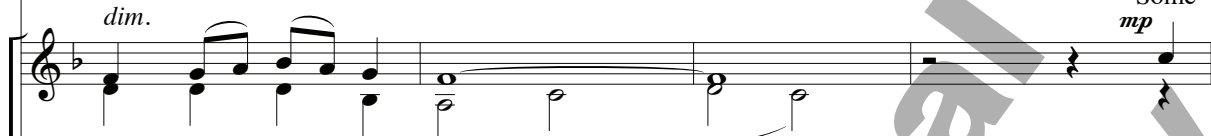
praise shall tune my voice; And while in him con - fid - ing, I

dim. mf

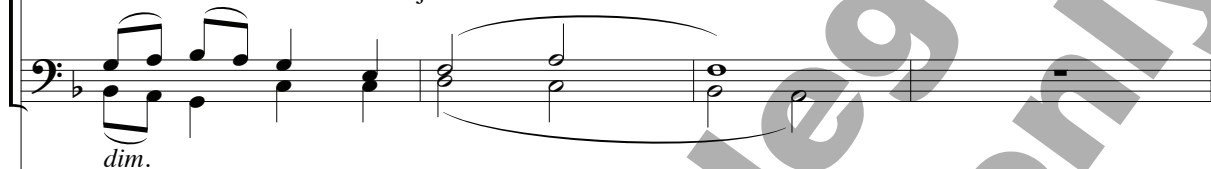
63 (Children's Choir) *mf*



Some-times a light sur - pris - es God's chil - dren - when - they



can - not - but - re - joice.



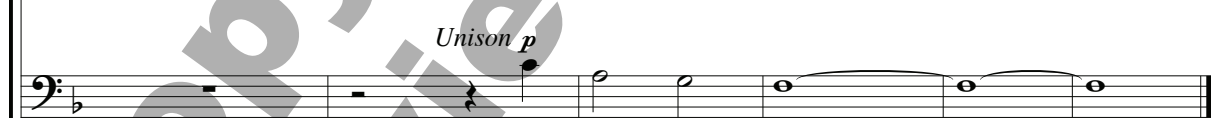
67 *mp*



sing. I can - not but re - joice!
times a light.



Some - times a light.



Some-times a light.

