

for Beverly Gibbs, in celebration of more than 50 years of singing in the  
Lancaster United Methodist Chancel Choir, Lancaster, California

# Love Abides Forever

SATB

J. Paul Williams (based on I Corinthians 13)

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Thoughtfully ♩ = ca. 84

Piano introduction in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The music features a steady accompaniment in the bass clef and chords in the treble clef. The dynamic is marked *p* (piano).

5 SA *mp*

Vocal line for Soprano and Alto (SA) in 3/4 time. The melody is simple and follows the lyrics. The dynamic is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano).

Love a - bides for - ev - er, love will nev - er

TB

Piano accompaniment for the first vocal line, continuing the bass line and chords from the introduction. The dynamic is marked *mp*.

8

Vocal line for Tenor and Bass (TB) in 3/4 time. The melody is simple and follows the lyrics. The dynamic is marked *mp*.

end. Love is not sel - fish but

Piano accompaniment for the second vocal line, continuing the bass line and chords. The dynamic is marked *mp*.

Duration: approx. 3:30

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quick to be a friend. Be - lieves all things, en -

14

dures all things, on love we can de - pend.

17

Love a - bides for - ev - er, love will nev - er

20 *poco rit.*

end.

*cresc. poco a poco*

*mf poco rit.*

24 **Slightly faster** *mp*

*mp* Proph - e - cies will fall a - way and

Proph - e - cies will fall a - way and tongues one day will

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*mp*

27

tongues one day will cease, but

cease, knowl - edge will fail, but

30 *p*

love will bring us peace. Love is pa - tient,

33

love is kind, not ar - ro - gant nor rude.

36 *mp* *rit. poco a poco*

Love is quick to for - give and re - joic - es in the

Tempo I

*p*

39

truth. Love a - bides for - ev - er,

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*p*

43

love will nev - er end. Love is not

46

*mp*

sel - fish but quick to be a friend. Be -

49 *cresc. poco a poco*

lieves all things, en - dures all things, on love we can de -

*mp cresc. poco a poco*

52 *mf*

pend. Love a - bides for - ev - er,

*mf*

55 *mp* *poco rit. mf*

love will nev - er end. When we

*mp* *poco rit.*

## Slightly faster, lightly

58

look in a mir - ror the im - age is not

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*mf*

61

ful - ly seen,  
like when we are chil - dren and

*mf*

64

But when we are ma -  
think of child - ish things.

*mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

*mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

67

ture we find the love we seek, and

70

when we have the love of God, *f* God, God's love

God

73

makes us com - plete. *molto rit.*

*molto rit.*



Tempo I

76

Love a - bides for - ev - er, love will nev - er

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end. Love is not sel - fish but

82

quick to be a friend. Be - lieves all things, en -

*mf*