

Composed for the 40th anniversary of St George's House  
For Andrew Carter, Timothy Byram-Wigfield  
and The Choir of St George's Chapel Windsor

# If God build not the House

Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650) and Psalm 25 vv 3-4

Jeremy Filsell (2006)

Treble

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Organ  
[Gt + Ped  
to Mixture  
Sw Full]

Ped.

*rhythmic and well articulated* ♩ = 112

*ff*

5

Tr.

A.

T.

B.

Org.

8 *with marked rhythm*

Tr. *ff* If God build not- the house and lay the

A. *ff* If God build not- the house and lay the

T. *ff* If God build not- the house and lay the

B. *ff* If God build not- the house and lay the

Org.

12

Tr. ground - work - so sure.

A. ground - work - so sure.

T. ground - work - so sure.

B. ground - work - so sure.

Org.

15

Tr. *f* who -

A. *f* who -

T. *f* who

B. *f* who

Org. *f* who

18

Tr. ev - er build, who ev - er build It can - not stand it

A. e - ver build, who - ev er build It can - not stand, it

T. ev - er build, who ev - er build It can - not stand, it

B. ev - er build, who ev - er build It can - not stand, it

Org.

21

Tr. can - not stand one storm - y day, one

A. can - not stand one storm - y day, one

T. can - not stand one storm - y day, one

B. can - not stand one storm - y day, one

Org.

23

Tr. storm - y day *ff* If

A. storm - y day *ff* If

T. storm - y day *ff* If

B. storm - y day *ff* If

Org. storm - y day *Solo Reed* *ff* If

27

Tr. God be not the ci - - ty's shield

A. God be not the ci - - ty's shield

T. God be not the ci - - ty's shield

B. God be not the ci - - ty's shield

Org.

30

Tr. If he be not their bars and wall

A. If he be not their bars and wall

T. If he be not their bars and wall

B. If he be not their bars and wall

Org.

34

Tr.

A.

T.

B.

Org.

39

Tr.

A.

T.

B.

Org.

*ff* In vain the watch-tower, men and

*ff* In vain the watch-tower, men and

*ff* In vain the watch-tower, men and

*ff* In vain the watch-tower, men and

42

Tr. all In vain the watch - tower men -

A. all In vain the watch - tower men -

T. all In vain the watch - tower men -

B. all In vain the watch - tower men -

Org.

45

Tr. and - - all

A. and - - all

T. and - - all

B. and - - all

Org. and - - all *rall.....*

49

Tr.

A.

T.

B.

Org.

*molto rall...*

*p* [Sw.]

$\text{♩} = 63$

53

Tr.

A.

T.

B.

Org.

Ped: *still well marked...*



57

Tr.

A.

T.

B.

Org.

Solo [*liberamente*]

rall...

61

Tr.

A.

T.

B.


Org.


half-closed lips: [*@4*] pp


half-closed lips: [*@4*] pp


[*@4*] pp

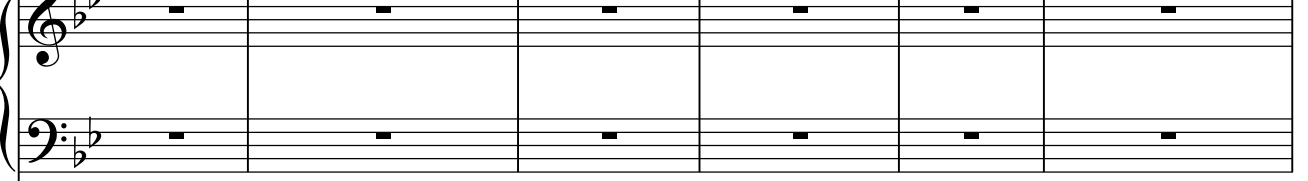
66 ♩ = 92 Two Solo Trebles [or semi chorus]

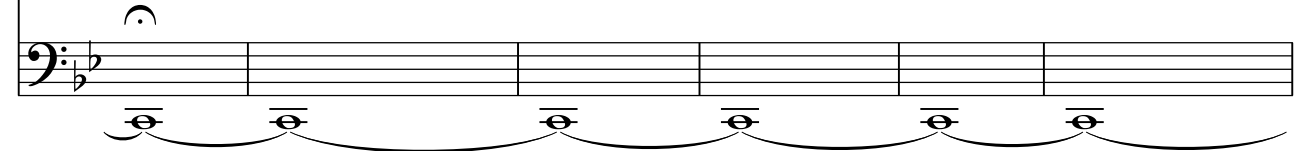
Tr. 

A. 

T. 


B. 

Org. 



Though then thou wak'st when o - thers rest, Though ri-sing

72 thou pre - ven - 'st the

Tr. 

A. 

T. 

B. 

Org. 



thou pre - ven'st the sun the sun.

Sw. Principals + Oboe

Solo SATB quartet [*freely chanted*]

77

Tr.

A. *p* Shew me thy ways O Lord And teach - me thy paths

T.

B.

Org. Solo soft reed Sw.

83

Tr.

A. *mp* Lead me forth in thy

T. Tenor Solo *espressivo*  
*mf* Through with lean care - thou dai - ly feast,

B.

Org. Solo Viole 8' + Flute 4\*

\* [The organ RH solos need not coincide with vocal lines]

87

Tr.  ,  
truth and learn me: for thou art the God of my salvation, in thee hath been my

A. 


T. 

B. 

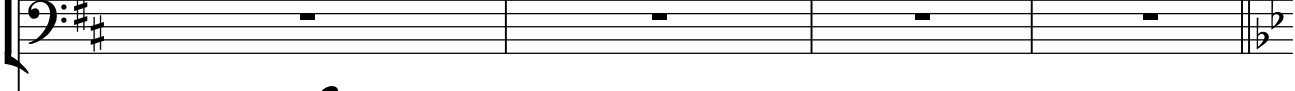
Org. 

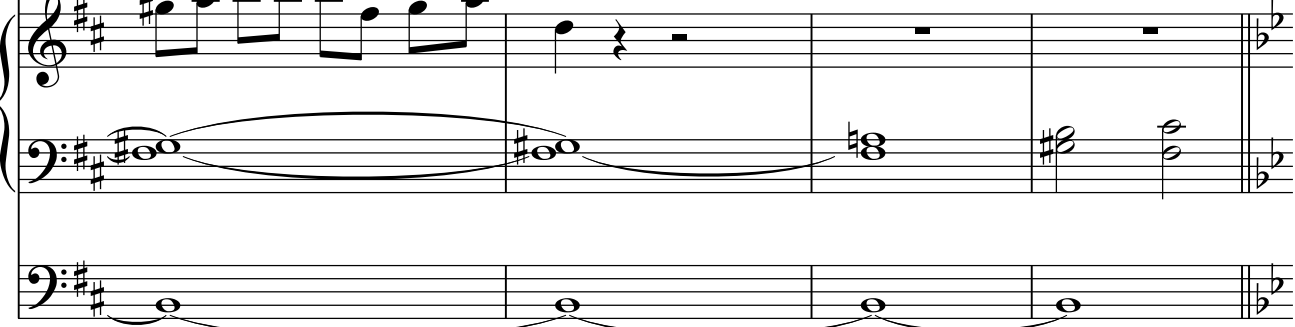
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Tr.  hope- all the day long.:  
hope- all the day long.:

A. 

T.  thy la - bour's lost and thou - un -  
thy la - bour's lost and thou - un -

B. 

Org. 

95

Tr.

A.

T.

B.

done;

*poco a poco accel.*

Org.

Gt. *mf*

98

Tr.

A.

T.

B.

Org.

*sempre accel.*

*f*

101

Tr.

A.

T.

B.

Org.

*L'istesso tempo*

*ff*

105

Tr.

A.

T.

B.

Org.

108 *with marked rhythm*

Tr. *ff* If God build not the house and lay the

A. *ff* If God build not - the house and lay the

T. *ff* If God build not the house and lay the

B. *ff* If God build not the house and lay the

Org. *ff* If God build not the house and lay the

112

Tr. ground - work so sure.

A. ground - work so sure.

T. ground - work so sure.

B. ground - work so sure.

Org. ground - work so sure.

116

Tr. *f* who - ev - er build, who

A. *f* who - e - ver build, who -

T. *f* who ev - er build, who

B. *f* who\_ ev - er build, who

Org.

119

Tr. ev - er build It can - not stand, it can - not stand one

A. ev er build It can - not stand, it can - not stand one

T. ev - er build It can not stand, it can - not stand one

B. ev - er build It can not stand, it can - not stand one

Org.



122

Tr. storm - y day, one storm - y day

A. storm - y day, one storm - y day

T. storm - y day, one storm - y day

B. storm - y day, one storm - y day

Org. storm - y day, one storm - y day *Solo Reed*

125

Tr. If God be not the ci - ty's

A. If God be not the ci - ty's

T. If God be not the ci - ty's

B. If God be not the ci - ty's

Org. If God be not the ci - ty's

*quasi- accel.....*

129

Tr. shield ci ty's shield, ci - ty'sshield, ci - ty's

A. shield ci ty's shield, ci - ty'sshield, ci - ty's

T. shield ci ty's shield, ci - ty'sshield, ci - ty's

B. shield ci ty's shield, ci - ty'sshield, ci - ty's

Org.

133

Tr. ci ty's shield - - - - - *ff*

A. ci ty's shield - - - - - *ff*

T. ci ty's shield - - - - - *ff*

B. ci ty's shield - - - - - *ff*

Org.


rit....

+ 32'


subito p


\* in the interests of preserving the 1st tenors' larynx for further use..., the distribution of this chord could be altered to SSAATB

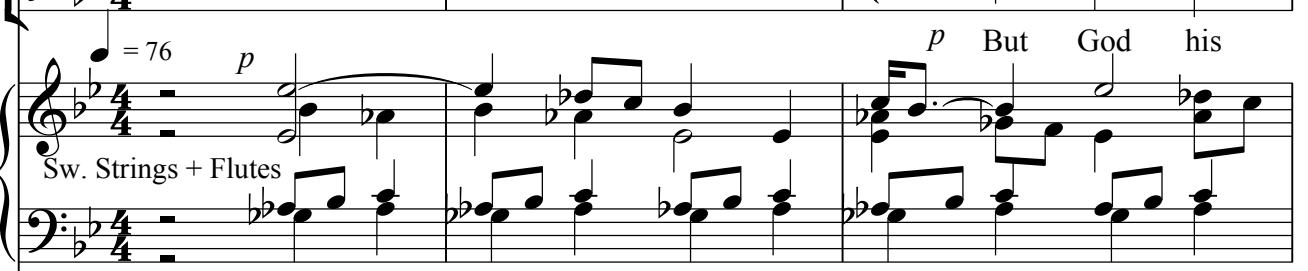
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Tr. 

A. 

T. 

B. 

Org.  Sw. Strings + Flutes

*cantabile* *p* But *p* But

*p* = 76 *p* But God his



141

Tr. 

A. 

T. 

B. 

Org. 

*cantabile* *p* But God his Child will feed - and -

*p* But - God his - Child will feed - and

God - his Child will feed and

Child - will - feed - and



144

Tr. keep, -

A. keep, -

T. keep, -

B. keep, -

Org. Solo Viole 8' + Flute 4' (Sw.)

149

[liberamente]

Tr. *pp* And draw the - cur - tain - to - his -

A. *pp* And draw the - cur - tain - to - his -

T. *pp* And draw the - cur - tain - to - his -

B. *pp* And draw the - cur - tain - to - his -

Org.

154

Tr. sleep - -

A. sleep - -

T. sleep - -

B. sleep - -

Org. Sw. Strings *pp* *slow*

Solo Cromorne 8' *espressivo*

158

Tr.

A.

T.

B.

Org. *poco*

Sw.