

# God and the Universe

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**Andante**  
*pp*

SOPRANO  
Will my ti - ny spark of be - ing whol - ly van - ish, whol - ly van - ish

ALTO  
Will my ti - ny spark of be - ing whol - ly van - ish, whol - ly van - ish in your

TENOR  
Will my ti - ny spark of be - ing whol - ly van - ish, whol - ly van - ish

BASS

PIANO (for rehearsal only)

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in your deeps\_\_\_ and heights?

deeps\_\_\_ and heights? Must my day be dark,\_\_\_ must my day be dark\_\_\_

in your deeps\_\_\_ and heights? Must my day be dark,\_\_\_ must my day be dark\_\_\_

*pp*  
in your deeps\_\_\_ and heights? Must my day be dark\_\_\_ by

12 *ff*

by rea-son of your bound - less nights, \_\_\_\_\_ Rush of

— by rea-son, O ye Heav'ns, \_\_\_\_\_ of your bound - less nights, \_\_\_\_\_

— by rea-son, O ye Heav'ns, \_\_\_\_\_ of your bound - less nights, \_\_\_\_\_

rea - son, O \_\_\_\_\_ ye Heav'ns, of your bound - less nights, \_\_\_\_\_

18 *cresc.* *fff*

Suns, \_\_\_\_\_ rush of Suns and roll of sys - tems, and \_\_\_\_\_ your fie - ry clash of

*ff* Rush \_\_\_\_\_ of Suns, and roll \_\_\_\_\_ of sys - tems, and your fie - ry clash of *fff*

*ff* Rush of Suns, and roll \_\_\_\_\_ of sys - tems, and \_\_\_\_\_ your fie - ry clash of *fff*

*ff* Rush of Suns, and roll \_\_\_\_\_ of sys - tems, and your fie - ry clash of *fff*

24 *dim.*  
 me - teor-ites? Will my ti - ny spark of be - ing van - ish,  
*dim.* me - teor-ites? Will my ti - ny spark of be - ing van - ish, *dim.* whol - ly van-ish,  
*dim.* me - teor-ites? Will my ti - ny spark of be - ing van - ish, *dim.* whol - ly van-ish,  
*dim.* me - teor-ites? Will my ti - ny spark of be - ing

30 *Più lento*  
*ppp e con molto tenerezza*  
 Spi - rit, spi - rit,  
*pp* Whol - ly van-ish in your deeps and heights? *ppp* Spi - rit, spi - rit,  
*pp* Whol - ly van-ish in your deeps and heights? *ppp* Spi - rit, spi - rit,  
*pp* van - ish in your deeps and heights? *ppp* Whol - ly van - ish? *ppp* Spi - rit, spi - rit,  
*Più lento*

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- rit, near-ing yon dark por - tal at the lim-it of thy hu - man state,  
 near - ing yon dark por - tal at the lim-it of thy hu - man state, Fear not  
 near - ing yon dark por - tal at the lim-it of thy hu - man state,  
 near - ing yon dark por - tal at the lim-it of thy hu - man state,

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Fear not thou the hid - den pur - pose of that Pow'r  
 thou, Fear not thou the hid - den, hid - den pur - pose of that  
 Fear not thou the hid - den, hid - den pur - pose of that  
 Fear not thou the hid - den, hid - den pur - pose of that

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— that Pow'r which a - lone is great, Nor the my - riad

Pow'r, that Pow'r which a - lone, a - lone is great, Nor the my - riad

Pow'r, that Pow'r which a - lone is great, Nor the my - riad

Pow'r, that Pow'r which a - lone is great, Nor the my - riad

*sf* *p*

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world, the my - riad world, His sha - dow, His *dim.*

world, the my - riad world, His sha - dow, His *dim.*

world, the my - riad world, His sha - dow, His *dim.*

world, the my - riad world, His sha - - *dim.*

*p* *dim.*

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sha - dow, nor the si - lent O - pener of the Gate.

sha - dow, nor the si - lent O - pener of the Gate.

sha - dow, nor the si - lent O - pener of the Gate.

- dow, nor the si - lent O - pener of the Gate.

pp ppp

pp ppp

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Will my tiny spark of being wholly vanish in your deeps and heights?  
 Must my days be dark by reason, O ye Heavens, of your boundless nights,  
 Rush of Suns, and roll of systems, and your fiery clash of meteorites?  
 "Spirit, nearing yon dark portal at the limit of thy human state,  
 Fear not thou the hidden purpose of that Power which alone is great,  
 Nor the myriad world, His shadow, nor the silent Opener of the Gate."

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