

# Hubble ascending

In honor of 25 years of research and discovery with the Hubble Space Telescope

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**Allegro** ♩ = 120 *mf*

SOPRANO  
O, eye of Man that flies

ALTO  
O, eye of Man that flies

TENOR  
O, eye of Man

BASS  
*f* O, eye of Man that flies *mf* a - bove the

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S. a - bove the stra - to - sphere, Ah *mp*

A. a - bove the stra - to - sphere, Ah *mp*

T. that flies a - bove bus - - -

B. stra - to - sphere, a - bove bus - - -

12

S. Air, in si - lent sun - light fair or *mf* *mp*

A. Air, in si - lent sun - light fair or *mf* *mp*

T. -y air, or *mp*

B. -y air, or *mp*

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**A**

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S. shad-ed by the Earth; *mf* O, eye of Man

A. shad-ed by the Earth; *f* O, eye of Man that flies; *mf* O, eye of

T. shad-ed by the Earth; *mf* O, eye of Man that flies

B. shad-ed by the Earth; *mf* O, eye of Man that

*rit.*

24

S. that flies a - bove

A. Man that flies; O, eye of Man that

T. O, eye of Man that flies

B. flies O, eye of Man that flies

**B**

Moderato (♩ = 108)

29

S. bus - - - y air, *mp* turn - ing 'round;

A. flies a - bove the bus - y air; *mp* turn - ing 'round;

T. a - bove the bus - y air; *mf* now state-ly turn - ing 'round;

B. a - bove the bus - y air; *mp* turn - ing 'round;

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S. turn - ing 'round, *p* Oh.

A. turn - ing 'round, *p* Oh.

T. turn - ing 'round, On gy-ros ev - er sure,

B. turn - ing 'round, On gy-ros ev - er sure,

41

S. Last ar - rives *mp* Ah A-cross ten bil - lion

A. As light at last ar - rives *mf* Ah *mp* A-cross ten bil - lion

T. As light at last ar - rives *mf* A-cross ten bil - lion *mp*

B. As light at last ar - rives *mf* A-cross ten bil - lion *mp*

**C**

48

S. years; *mf* *f* O, eye of Man that sees the *mf*

A. years; *mf* Ah O,

T. years; *mf* Ah Ah

B. years; *mf* Ah

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S. flow - ers of the sky ex - pan - ding as they

A. eye of Man that sees the flow - ers

T. O, eye of Man that

B. Ah

64

S. fly; Ah

A. of the sky ex - pan - ding as they fly;

T. sees the flow - ers of the

B. O eye of Man that sees

72

S. The flow - ers of the sky Ah

A. Ah, ah, ah, ah. The sky; Ah

T. sky Ah Ah ex -

B. the flow - ers of the sky ex -

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**D**

80 *f* *mp*

S. The pil - lars of cre -

A. The pil - lars of cre -

T. pan - ding as they fly; the pil - lars of cre -

B. pan - ding as they fly; the pil - lars of cre -

**E**

87 *f* *rit.* *mf* *mp* *a tempo* (♩ = 120) *mf*

S. a - tion; the rook - er - ies of the stars; O,

A. a - tion; Rook - er - ies of stars; O,

T. a - tion; Ah

B. a - tion; Ah

93 *mp* *mf* *mp*

S. eye of Man that sees The swirl -

A. eye of Man that sees The swirl -

T. Ah The swirl -

B. Ah, Ah

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S. *mf* - ing gal-ax - ies; And sis - ter worlds of

A. *mf* - ing gal-ax - ies;

T. *f* - ing gal-ax - ies; *mf* And sis - ter worlds of Earth;

B. *mf* And sis - ter worlds of Earth;

109

S. *rall.* *mf* Earth; and all the reel of Time un - wound;

A. *mf* And all the reel of Time un - wound;

T. Ah, Ah.

B. Ah *mf* Cre -

115

S. Cre - a - tion and re - birth; *f* Cre - a - tion and

A. *f* Cre - a - tion and re - birth; and

T. *mf* Cre - a - tion and re - birth; *f* and

B. *f* a - tion and re - birth; and

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122 **Adagio** (♩ = 70)  
(aug. 2nd = min. 3rd) *mp*

S. re - - birth: Grant us hu - mil - i - ty to see our -

A. re - birth: Grant us hu - mil - i - ty to see our

T. re - - birth: Grant us hu - mil - i - ty to see our

B. re - - birth: Grant us hu - mil - i - ty to see our

(same pitch)

127

S. selves\_ and our ve - ry, ve - ry, ve - ry small but pre - cious home.

A. selves and our ve - ry, ve - ry, ve - ry small but pre - cious home.

T. selves\_ and our ve - ry, ve - ry ve - ry small but pre - cious home.

B. selves and our ve - ry, ve - ry, ve - ry small but pre - cious home.

*mf* *mp* *p*