

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Advent

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♩ = 96
Prelude

The musical score is written for piano in 6/8 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems of music. The first system is a prelude. The second system begins with a repeat sign and includes three verses of lyrics. The third and fourth systems continue the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written in the right hand, and the piano accompaniment is in the left hand. The score is arranged in a standard musical notation with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs).

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1. Watch-man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom - ise are:
2. Watch-man, tell us of the night, High - er yet that star as - cends:
3. Watch-man, tell us of the night, For the morn - ing seems to dawn:

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Trav - ler, o'er yon moun - tain's height, See that glo - ry beam - ing star!
Trav - ler, bless - ed - ness and light, Peace and truth, its course por - tends.
Trav - ler, dark - ness takes its flight, Doubt and ter - ror are with - drawn.

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Watch - man does its beau - teous ray Aught of hope or joy fore - tell?
Watch - man will its beams a - lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Watch - man, let thy wan - d'ring cease, Hie thee to thy qui - et home!

Trav - 'ler, yes; it brings the day, Prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
Trav - 'ler, a - ges are its own, See, it bursts o'er all the earth!
Trav - 'ler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is come!

The musical score is for a piano accompaniment in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The piece is divided into four measures, each containing a line of lyrics. The first measure ends with a repeat sign, and the second measure ends with a repeat sign. The third measure ends with a repeat sign, and the fourth measure ends with a repeat sign. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.