

A SIMPLE SONG

From Mass

55

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Tranquillo $\text{♩} = 48$

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The tempo is marked 'Tranquillo' with a quarter note equal to 48 beats per minute. The time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into four systems. The first system begins with a vocal line marked *f* (forte) and a piano line marked *fff* (fortissimo). The second system continues the vocal line with a *f sub.* (fortissimo subito) marking and a piano line marked *p* (piano). The third system features a vocal line with a *dim.* (diminuendo) marking and a piano line marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The fourth system concludes with a vocal line marked *ppp* (pianissimo) and a piano line marked *ppp*. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Sing God a sim - ple song: Lau - da, Lau - dē...

Make it up_ as you go a - long: Lau - da, Lau - dē... Sing like you

like to sing. God loves all sim - ple things, For God is the

sim - plest of all, For God is the sim - plest of all.

attacca

Poco meno mosso (♩ = 88)

(sempre tranquillo)

p

optional cut

p

I will sing the Lord a

new_son_g_ To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord. I will sing His prai-ses

meno p

while I live All of my days. Blessed is the man who

Flute

p

meno p

cresc.

mf

dim.

loves the Lord, Blessed is the man who praises Him. Lau-da, Lau-da,

cresc.

mf rhythmic (but lightly)

dim.

3 Lau-dē... And walks in His ways. I will lift up my eyes To the

p *mf*

p *mf* warmly

hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord Sing-ing

p

Lau-da, Lau-dē. For the Lord is my shade, Is the

pp *cresc. poco a poco*

pp *cresc. poco a poco*

mp *mf* *cresc.*

shade up-on my__ right hand, — And the sun shall not smite me by day — Nor the

f *non dim.* *f sempre*

moon — by night. — Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, —

mf dim. poco a poco *p*

Lau- da, — Lau- da, — Lau- dē, — And walks in His ways. —

espr.

molto rall. e dim.

Cadenza (freely)

quasi f *dim.* *p*

Lau-da, Lau-da, Lau - dē, Lau-da, Lau-da di da di day... —

quasi f

a tempo (più lento)

All of my days. —

Flute *pp*

quasi rall. *p* *pp*