

# Behold, a Great Light

Isaiah 9:2  
c. 740-681 BC

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♩ = 76

*mp*  
S. O peo - ple walk-ing in dark-ness. *mf*

*mp*  
A. O peo - ple walk-ing in dark-ness. *mf*

T. O peo - ple walk-ing in dark-ness. *mp*

B. O peo - ple walk-ing in dark-ness. *mp*

Pno. *mp*

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5 *mp* warmly - legato

S. peo - ple walk-ing in .. Be - hold a great great light has dawned u -

A. peo - ple walk dark- ness. Be - hold a great great light has dawned u -

T. Be - hold a great great light has dawned u -

B. Be - hold a great great light has dawned u -

Pno. *mp*

9

S. *mf* pon you. O peo - ple dwell-ing in sha - dow.

A. *mf* pon you. O peo - ple dwell-ing in sha - dow.

T. *p* pon you. *mf* O

B. *p* pon you. *mf* O

Pno.



13

S. *mp* O peo - ple dwell-ing in sha - dow. *p* Be - hold, a

A. *mp* *mf* O peo - ple dwell-ing in sha - dow. *p* Be - hold, a

T. *p* peo - ple in sha - dow. *p* Be - hold, a

B. *p* dwell-ing in sha - dow. *p* Be - hold, a

P

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18

**poco accel.** . . . . . **rit.** . . . . . **f** **attacca**

S. great, great light has dawned u - pon you!

A. great, great light has dawned u - pon you!

T. great, great light has dawned u - pon you!

B. great, great light has dawned pon you!

**poco accel.** . . . . . **rit.** . . . . . **attacca**

Pno.

**Isaiah** (in Hebrew, Yeshayahu, "Salvation of God"), (2 Kings xix, 2-20; Isaiah xxxvii, 2), and he uttered The dates of his birth and death are unknown, but the children referred to in Isaiah viii, 18; and he

most sublime of the four greater Hebrew prophets, was the son of Amoz during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. He lived from about 760 B.C. to about 700 B.C. He was married and had three sons — who have resided near Jerusalem.



# Behold, a Great Light - reprise

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The musical score is written for Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.), and Piano (Pno.). It is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 76 beats per minute. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains measures 1-4, and the second system contains measures 5-8. The lyrics are: "O peo - ple, com-fort to all." (measures 1-4) and "peo - ple, peace and good will. Be - hold a great great light has dawned u -" (measures 5-8). The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords, with some triplet figures. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). Performance instructions include "warmly - legato" for the Soprano part in measure 5. A large diagonal watermark "PERUSAL SCORE ONLY - PLEASE DO NOT COPY" is overlaid across the score.

9

S. *mf* pon you. O peo - ple, lift up your eyes

A. *mf* pon you. O peo - ple, lift up your

T. *p* pon you. *mf* O

B. *p* pon you. *mf* O

Pno.



13

S. *mp* O peo - ple, sing and re - joice. *p* Be - hold, a

A. *mp* *mf* O peo - ple sing and re - joice. *p* Be - hold, a

T. *p* O pec up your eyes. *p* Be - hold, a

B. *p* - ple lift up your eyes. *p* Be - hold, a

P

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**poco accel.** ..... **rit.** .....

18

S. *f* great, great light has dawned u - pon you!

A. *f* great, great light has dawned u - pon you!

T. *f* great, great light has dawned u - pon you!

B. great, great light has dawned on you!

Pno. **poco accel.** ..... **rit.** .....

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"In 1989 I nearly died from viral encephalitis, emerging from a coma after fifteen days. I had to learn how to walk and talk again. Few people survive the rare illness and those who do are often severely brain-damaged. During my long convalescence I wrote and arranged a collection of choral music entitled "Songs My Father Taught Me", which was recorded by the West Coast Mennonite Chamber Choir. My Mom and Dad used to sing songs while I was in the hospital. I was born in the Okanagan Lake in July, when I was nine months old. My three younger brothers and I sang along.



Einstein said, 'There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle' and the other is as though everything is a miracle'. I believe in the wonders of God and have experienced much love in my life. Writing music is a way for me to work it back to others.

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Here is a list of Nickel's compositions and arrangements which were performed by the West Coast Mennonite Chamber Choir. All of the sheet music is available.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| All That is Beautiful        | How Sweetly Chime the Bells        | No Room                           |
| All the Diamonds             | I Delight Greatly                  | Of the Father's Love Begotten     |
| Almighty God                 | If Christ is For Me                | On My Pilgrim Journey             |
| As Evening Shadows Fall      | If You Want Me                     | Paradise Awaits the True Believer |
| Amazing Grace                | I Know My Redeemer                 | Praise be to God                  |
| Another Day of Grace         | In a Garden                        | Remember Thy Creator              |
| Away in a Manger             | In Time                            | Silent Night                      |
| Be Still and Consider        | In My Heart                        | Sinfonia Eleven                   |
| Back to the Master           | It's a Good Time                   | Sing for Joy                      |
| Beauty All Around Us         | Rock Im Resting                    | Strands of the Finest Gold        |
| Behold the Lamb              | Jesus Lives                        | Sweet Little Jesus Boy            |
| Be Still and Consider        | Fly                                | The Storm is Passing Over         |
| Blessed are They             | Ladder                             | Take My Hand and Lead Me          |
| Bugles Sang                  | Jesus Bids Us Shine                | Taste and See                     |
| Call to Holiness             | Jesus, Priceless Treasure          | Through An Open Window            |
| Can a Little Child Like Me?  | Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness | To Whom Would We Go?              |
| Candle                       | Jesus Shall Reign                  | Train Up a Child                  |
| Can You Count the Many Stars | Jimmy Brown Song                   | True Evangelical Faith            |
| Come, Let Us Go              | Joseph Made a Treasure Box         | We All Like Sheep                 |
| Come to the Throne of Grace  | Keep Me True                       | We Want to Know Christ            |
| Come to the Upper Room       | Like a River Glorious              | What Joy to Us is Given           |
| Come Unto Me                 | Long Black Arm                     | When I Was a Child                |
| Danny Boy                    | Lord, Help Us Live in Peace        | When Morning Guilds the Skies     |
| Dare alla Luce               | Love Bade Me Welcome               | Where He Leads Me                 |
| Day by Day                   | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling   | Where is Your Treasure?           |
| Dem Bones                    | Love Everlasting                   | Who Would Leave a Kingdom?        |
| Dulce et Decorum Est         | Love of God, the Father            | Without Him                       |
| Emmanuel                     | Make a Joyful Noise                | Wife of Noble Virtue              |
| For My Redeemer              | Mary Treasured All These Things    | World Without End                 |
| Four Seasons                 | May the Words of My Mouth          | Working With Joy                  |
| Grace With Us                | Melodies From Molotschna           |                                   |
| German People Rejoice        | Miles to Go Before I Sleep         |                                   |
| Take Care of You             | Move Him Into the Sun              |                                   |
| Do You Not Know?             | My God Shall Supply                |                                   |
| Praying for a Wounded World  | New Songs I Sing Today             |                                   |
| Heavenly Son, the Word       | Now the Day is Over                |                                   |
| His Eye is on the Sparrow    | No More Fear of Dying              |                                   |
| Hosanna                      |                                    |                                   |