

Faithfulness – Mvt. 1

Choir: Steadfast love and faithfulness (faithfulness)
will meet
will meet
Righteousness and love will kiss each other
kiss each other
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
Faithfulness will
Faithfulness will
And righteousness will look down from the sky
the sky
down from the sky
and faithfulness will spring up from the ground
The Lord will give what is good,
And our land will yield its increase
The Lord will give what is good,
And our land will yield its increase (increase)
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet
will meet
Ah

Faithfulness – Mvt. 2

Sop: The still small voice
unto my still small voice,
I listen
I listen
Hardly awake, I breathe,
vulnerably,
As in summer trees, the messages
Of telegraphed errands buzz along
buzz along
July's contour of green
The still small voice
unto my still small voice,
I listen
I listen.

Faithfulness – Mvt. 3

Choir: Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the Earth
The Earth
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Have you not heard?

Ten: For I look up to heaven which
is my prospect to escape envy

Choir: By surmounting it.

Choir: It is he who sits above the circle of the Earth,
And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

Ten: For my seed shall worship the Lord Jesus
as numerous and musical as the grasshoppers

Choir: of Paradise
Paradise

Choir: Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
It is he who sits above the circle of the Earth!

Faithfulness – Mvt. 4

Ten: By nature Faith is fiery and it tends still upward

Choir: Upward, upward, tends still upward

Alt: Love by native course descends

Choir: Descends, descends, Love descends

Sop: But Charity
Whose nature doth confound
And mix the former two
Moves ever round

Choir: Moves ever round
Moves ever round

Choir: Lord let thy Love descend
Lord let thy Love descend
And then the fire
Of sprightly Faith shall kindle
And aspire:

Choir: O, then, my circling charity
Shall move
In proper motion
mixt of Faith and Love

Choir: Lord let thy Love descend
Lord let thy Love descend
And then the fire
Of sprightly Faith shall kindle
And aspire.

Faithfulness – Mvt. 5

Choir: Who stretches out the heavens
like a curtain,
And spreads them like a tent
like a tent to live in
like a tent to live in

Sop: For in my nature
I quested for beauty,
but God, God hath sent me to sea for pearls

Choir: Who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth
as nothing
as nothing, Oh

Choir: Who stretches out the heavens
like a curtain,
And spreads them like a tent
like a tent to live in
like a tent to live in

Ten: For my hope is beyond Eternity
in the bosom of God my saviour
my saviour
my saviour God

Choir: Scarcely are they planted,
scarcely sown,
Scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
When he blows upon them,
and they wither,
And the tempest carries them off
like stubble

Bass: For I am in twelve hardships,
but he that was born of a virgin
shall deliver me

Choir: out of all

Choir: Who stretches out the heavens
like a curtain,
And spreads them like a tent
like a tent to live in