

Dedicated to the memory of Noah Welch, 1987-2013.

Lovingly commissioned by the friends and families of the Lawrence Children's Choir, Carolyn Welch, Director.

If It Must Be



S A

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from Central America

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Piano

Tenderly $\text{♩} = 70$ **rit.** **a tempo**

mp

unison *mp*

If it must be _____ You speak no

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more with us, If it must be You smile no

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more with us, Nor walk no more with us

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Slower ♩ = 62 *poco a poco accel.* Tempo primo ♩ = 70 *f*

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p

21 *mf*

let us take a pat-ience and a calm, a pat - ience,

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mp

24 *pp*

and a calm. For ev - en now the green leaf ex -

and a calm. For ev - en now the green leaf ex -

pp

pp

27 *ff* *f*

plodes, Sun light - ens stone,

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ff *f* *mf*

30 *rit.* **Slower** ♩ = 62

and all the ri - ver burns, and all the ri - ver burns,

and all the ri - ver burns, and all the ri - ver burns,

rit. **Slower** ♩ = 62

mp

35 **molto rit.** **A bit faster** ♩ = 68

mf

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mp

If it must be _____ You speak no

p *mp*

43 *mf*

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more with us, nor walk_ no more with us,

more with us, nor walk_ no more with us,

48 *slight rit.* *p* **Tempo primo** ♩ = 70

If it must be,

slight rit. *p* **Tempo primo** ♩ = 70

If it must be,

51 *mp* *mf* rit.

If it must be,

be, must be rit.

54 slight rit. unison, opt. solo *mp* //

then let us take a pat - ience, //

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57 all voices *p* rit.

and a calm.

rit.