

The Awakening Age

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With energy and life ($\text{♩} = c.76$) *unis. f*

UPPER VOICES

PIANO *mf*

O ye who tra-vel the me -

ri - dian line, May the vi-sion of a new world, new world

with-in__ you shine, with-in__ you shine...

This song, scored originally for SATB, youth choir, and strings, formed one movement from the cantata *Prime Meridian*, commissioned and first performed by the Ascension Choir and children from South London primary schools, conducted by Patricia Williams.

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