THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied, with optional flute*

Text adapted from 1 Corinthians 13 by ANNA LAURA PAGE

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^{*}Flute part may be found on page 10.

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^{**}R.H. optional in mm. 1-3 if flute is available.















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The Greatest of These Is Love is a general anthem whose text is adapted from the famous passage from 1 Corinthians 18. It may be especially appropriate for weddings and services recognizing Christian discipleship. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings in addition to 1 Corinthians 13 include Song of Solomon 8:6-7. Romans 13:8-10, Colossians 3:12-14, and 1 John 3:11-24. One basic homiletical theme is accepting the challenge to conduct our lives as true disciples of Christ, guided, sustained, and renewed by Christ's perfect love.

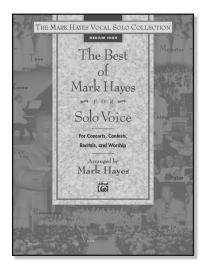
This anthem is highly expressive challenging choirs to employ sensitive text inflection, carefully shaded dynamics, artfully shaped phrases, and total command of tempo changes. Begin by instilling in the choir a strong sense of the underlying pulse. After the pitches are secure, ask the singers to rehearse the entire anthem articulating a constant eighth note pulse on the neutral syllable "noo," until rhythms, tempos, and ensemble breaths are uniform. Repeat this process, adding both the written sectional dynamics and the implied dynamics found in the natural rise and fall of the phrases. Next, sing the written note values while listening carefully for the underlying eighth note pulse found in the accompaniment. Speak the text in rhythm, listening for the natural word stresses. Sing the text without sacrificing dynamics or ensemble uniformity.

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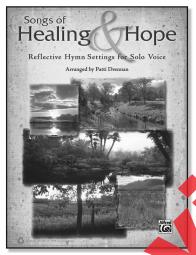
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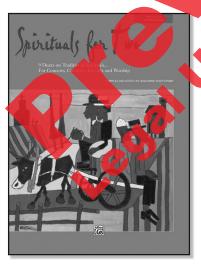
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