

Ephesians 5: 8-9

Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Walk as children of the light—

for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good, right and true.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light is a new hymn by Kathleen Thomerson, arranged by Benjamin Harlan for SATB and SAB voices with optional children's choir and congregation. Appropriate for performance throughout the year, it is especially suited for services of baptism, child or family dedication, confirmation and stewardship. Suggested corresponding scripture readings include Psalm 119: 97-105, Matthew 5: 14, John 8: 1-12, Ephesians 5: 8-10 and Colossians 1: 9-14. One basic homiletical theme is journeying through life in righteousness and truth, guided by the Light of God.

A unison children's choir or solo voice may sing alone in mm. 9-28 and 51-58, and with the choir as indicated. Any of the three verses of this remarkable hymn may be sung in unison by itself as a choral or congregational worship response.

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I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied,
with opt. unison children's choir and congregation*

Arranged by
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Words and Music by
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Bright, lyrical (♩ = ca. 108-112)

ACCOMP.

9 SOLO (opt. unis. children's choir)

mp

I want to walk as a child of the light. _____

14

I want to fol - low Je - sus.

* Also available for S.A.B. voices, No. 19877. Part for congregation may be found on page 12.
Parts for flute, oboe, B♭ clarinet, synth./strings, glockenspiel, mark tree, susp. cymbals, triangle, chimes
and director's score, No. 19879, and a full performance/accompaniment compact disc, No. 19878,
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19

20

God set the stars to give light to the world.

24

cresc.

(end solo or children)

The star of my life is Je - sus.

29

S. *f*

A.

In Him there is no dark - ness at all. — The night and the

T. *f*

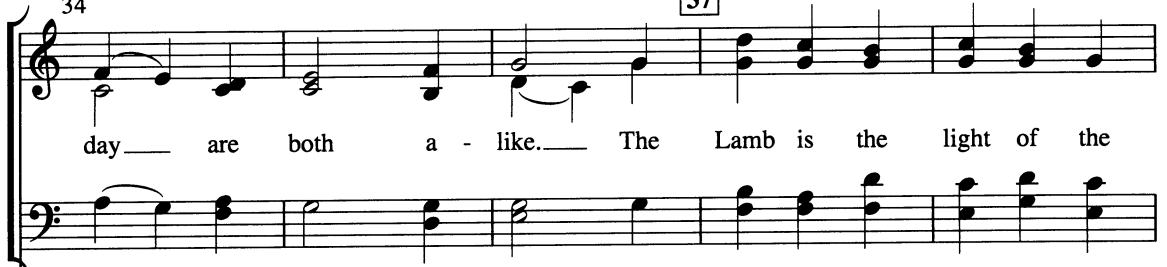
B.

* No breath.

34

37

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



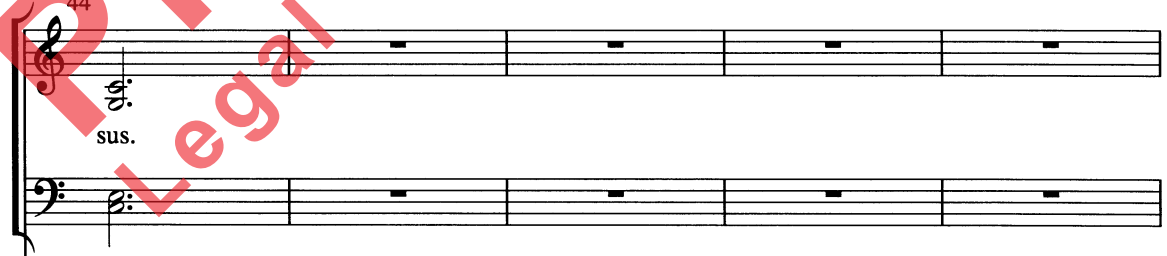
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cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je -



44

sus.



a tempo

51 SOLO (opt. unis. children's choir)
mp

49 *poco rit.*

I want to see the bright-ness of

dim. e poco rit. *mp a tempo*

54

God. I want to look at Je - sus.

60 (solo children's choir continue with sopranos)
mf

59 S.

A. Clear Sun of Right-ous-ness, shine on my path, and

T. *mf*

B.

mf

64 *cresc.* (end solo/children) **68** *f*

show me the way to the Fa - ther. In Him there

cresc. *f*

69

is no dark - ness at all. The night and the day are

74 **76**

both a like. The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of

8

79 *mf*

God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

mf

84 **DESCANT** (*a few high voices*)
rit.

UNISON VOICES (+ opt. unis. children's choir & congregation)

I'm look - ing for the —

f

I'm look - ing for the

f

Slightly slower (♩ = ca. 100)

cresc. e rit.

89

com - ing of Christ. I want to be with Je -

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94

poco rit.

96

a tempo

sus. When we have run with pa-tience the

sus. When we have run with pa-tience the

poco rit. *a tempo*

99

race, we shall know of Je sus.

race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

104

S. (congregation & children continue with sopranos)

A. In Him there is no dark - ness at all. The

T.

B.

108

112

night and the day — are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my

heart, — Lord Je - sus.

119 (end congregation & children)

rit.

dim.

rit.

Shine in my *mf*

122 **Slightly slower**

mf Shine in my heart, } in my heart,

mf Shine in my heart, _____ in my

Slightly slower

127 heart, _____

heart, _____ Lord Je _____

heart, _____

dim. e rit.

dim.

dim. e rit.

132 **Tempo II** (♩ = ca. 100) *mp* *rit.*

sus.

mp

Tempo II (♩ = ca. 100) *mp* *dim. e rit.* *p*

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for congregation

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Verse 1:
(Choir only)
I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2:
(Choir only)
I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 3:
Choir, Children's Choir and Congregation

I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we
shall know the joy of Je - sus. In Him there is no dark-ness at
all. The night and the day — are both a - like. The Lamb is the
light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Postlude: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
(Choir only)

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