

JOSEPH SMITH, PROPHET OF OUR GOD

for Choir SATB and Organ (or Piano)

Text: EDWIN F. PARRY (1860-1935)

Music: SERBAN NICHIFOR (b. 1954)

Solemnly

$\text{♩} = 96$

f

1. Re - nowned as the birth - place of
2. A - her - ald of truth in the
3. One - cen - tu - ry of the -

The first system of the score consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the vocal choir (SATB), and the bottom two are for the organ or piano. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 96. The music begins with a rest for the vocalists, followed by a dynamic marking of *f* (forte). The organ/piano accompaniment starts with a series of chords and moving lines. The lyrics are presented in three numbered lines, corresponding to the vocal parts.

pa - triots, , And the home of brave he - roes of yore, Ver - mont, thy name, And
na - tions, He came with po wer rife, With a mes - sage of love, From the
- a - ges 'Mid splen doe has rolled a way, Since that bright morn On

The second system continues the musical score. It features the same four-staff layout. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics. The organ/piano accompaniment continues with a similar harmonic texture. The lyrics are spread across the vocal staves.

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thy fair fame, Are glo - ri - fied now the more; For a mid thy state - ly
 courts a - bove, Pre - claim - ing the way of life; He gazed thro' the por - tals of
 which was born That Seer of lat - ter day; Yetin tri - umph he lives im-

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- noun - tains, On Shar - on's ver - dant sod, There came to earth In
 heav - en, And glad ti - dings to earth he brought; He re - vealed to man Sal
 - mor - tal, Tho' his war - fare on earth is o'er; With a light di - vine His

18

1

2

$\text{♩} = 80$ $\text{♩} = 60$

ff

ff

ff

ff

rallentando

ff

3

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mor - tal birth A Proph-et of our God.
 va - tion's plan; And he dead for the truth he taught.
 glo-ry shall shine As the stars for - ev - er more.