

Commissioned by the Donald Sinclair Sutherland Endowment  
for the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Chancel Choir, Matthew Robertson, Conductor

# Work

for SATB Chorus (divisi) unaccompanied

Kahlil Gibran (1883–1931)

Melissa Dunphy (ASCAP)

**Adagio** ♩ = 60

*p*

Soprano  
You have been told \_\_\_\_\_ that life is dark - ness, and in your

Alto  
You have been told \_\_\_\_\_ that life is dark - ness, and in your

Tenor

Bass

Keyboard  
(for rehearsal only)

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wear - i - ness you ech - o \_\_\_\_\_ what was said by the

wear - i - ness you ech - o \_\_\_\_\_ what was said by the

Ech - o \_\_\_\_\_ what was said.

Ech - o.

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*mp*

wear - y. You have been told \_\_\_\_\_ that life is dark - ness, \_

*mp*

wear - y. You have been told that life is

*mp*

8 You have been told that life is

*mp*

You have been told \_\_\_\_\_ that life \_\_\_\_\_ is

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\_\_\_\_\_ and in your wear - i - ness you ech - o \_\_\_\_\_

dark - ness, and in your wear - i - ness you ech - o, \_\_\_\_\_ ech - o \_\_\_\_\_

8 dark - ness, and in your wear - i - ness you ech - o, \_\_\_\_\_

dark - ness, ech - o, \_\_\_\_\_

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*mp*

what was said. And I say,

*p*

what was said by the wear - y.

*p*

ech - o what was said by the wear - y.

*mp*

ech - o what was said. And I

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*f* *mf espr.*

I say that life is in - deed dark - ness save

*f* *mf espr.*

I say that life is in - deed dark - ness save

*f* *mf espr.*

I say that life is in - deed dark - ness save

*f* *mf espr.*

say, I say that life is in - deed dark - ness save

19 *p*  
when there is urge. All urge is blind save when there is  
when there is urge. All urge is blind save when there is  
when there is urge. All urge is blind save when there is  
when there is urge, and all urge is blind save when there is

24 *mf*  
know - ledge. All know - ledge is — vain save when there is  
know - ledge. All know - ledge is — vain — save when there is  
know - ledge. And all know - ledge is — vain save when there is  
know ledge. All know - ledge is — vain save when there is

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*f* work, and all work is emp - ty save when there is love. And I say that *p*

*f* work, and all work is emp - ty save when there is love. And I say that *p*

*f* work, and all work is emp - ty save when there is love. *p*

*f* work, and all work is emp - ty save when there is love. *p*

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*mf* life is dark - ness save when there is urge, all urge is

*mf* life is in - deed dark - ness save when there is urge, all urge is

*mf* Life is in - deed dark - ness save when there is urge. All

*mf* Life is dark - ness save when there is urge,

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blind save when there is know-ledge. All know-ledge is \_\_\_ vain save

blind save when there is know-ledge. All know-ledge is \_\_\_ vain \_ save

urge \_\_\_ is \_\_\_ blind save when there is know-ledge, is \_\_\_ vain save

blind save when there is know-ledge, vain save

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when there is work, and all work is emp-ty save when there is love. And \_

when there is work, and all work is emp-ty save when there is love. And

when there is work, and all work is emp-ty save when there is love.

when there is work, and all work is emp-ty save when there is love.

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when you work with love you bind your -

when you work with love you bind your -

*p* When you work with love, you

*p* When you work with love,

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self to your - self,

self to your - self, and to one another, to

bind your - self to your - self, and to one another, to

bind your - self to one an -

59

and to God. \_\_\_\_\_

one an - oth - er, and to God, and to God. \_\_\_\_\_

one an - oth - er, and to God. \_\_\_\_\_

oth - er, and to God. \_\_\_\_\_

65

*p* Work is love made vis - i - ble. \_\_\_\_\_

*p* Work is love made vis - i - ble. \_\_\_\_\_

Work is love made vis - i - ble. \_\_\_\_\_

Work is love made vis - i - ble. \_\_\_\_\_



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*p* Work — is

*p* Work — is love made vis - i - ble,

*p* Work is love made vis - i - ble.

73

love, — love made vis - i - ble, — made

*p* Work — is love made vis - i - ble, — made

*p* Work — is love made vis - i - ble, —

*p* Work is love made vis - i - ble, —

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*rit.*  
*pp*

vis - i - ble, \_\_\_\_\_ made vis - i - ble. \_\_\_\_\_

*pp*

vis - i - ble, \_\_\_\_\_ made vis - i - ble. \_\_\_\_\_

*pp*

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made vis - i - ble. \_\_\_\_\_

*pp*

made vis - i - ble. \_\_\_\_\_

*rit.*