

Performance Note

A Steady Flame to Light the Dark has two performance options that are each available in three different voicings.

1. Choir and Organ

- SATB—50-4075
- SAB—50-4076
- SSA—50-4077

2. Choir, Violin, and Piano

(For use by the director, accompanist, and instrumentalist.

The choral scores are compatible with this optional accompaniment.)

- SATB Full/Piano Score and Violin Part—50-4075A
- SAB Full/Piano Score and Violin Part—50-4076B
- SSA Full/Piano Score and Violin Part—50-4077B

Second Place Winner of the 2023 Peter and Lois Fyfe Choral Composition Competition

A Steady Flame to Light the Dark

SAB and Organ

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I: Quiet 8' Solo stop
II: Quiet 8' Strings
Ped: Quiet 16'

Gently (♩ = 60)

I

Organ

II

5

B

mp

In times of

Available Editions

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- SATB Full/Piano Score and Violin Part, Order No. MSM-50-4075A
- SAB Full/Piano Score and Violin Part, Order No. MSM-50-4076A
- SSA and Organ, Order No. MSM-50-4077
- SSA Full/Piano Score and Violin Part, Order No. MSM-50-4077A

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dark - ness formed from sin we seek your light held deep with-in. A spark when

II: Flute 8' or quiet Diapason

Pedal to balance

fed be-comes a flame; Christ's bril-liant light shines bright a - gain.

unis. mp

S
A
B

And e-ven in the dark-est night we thank the Lord for hid-den

I: Quiet solo stop 8'

II: Quiet Strings 8'

21 *no breath*

light that will not die, though some-times dimmed: It needs just hope to burn a -

mp

It needs just hope to burn a -

II: Flute 8'
or quiet Diapason

25 *mf*

S gain. We thank you Lord for gifts of love, a - bun - dant bless - ings from a -

A gain. Thank you, Lord, bless - ings from a -

B gain. Thank you, Lord, bless - ings from a -

I: Solo Horn 8'

II: Principals 8', 4'
or Flutes to balance

29

mp

bove: The light of Christ placed in our hearts, a stead-y flame to light the

mp

bove: The light of Christ placed in our hearts, — a stead-y flame to light the

mp

bove: The light of Christ placed in our hearts, a stead-y flame to light the

Flute 8' or quiet Diapason

33

dark.

dark.

dark.

I: Quiet solo stop 8'

II: Quiet Flute 8'

38

S
A

unis. mf

And when each

B

mf

And when each

42

feeds their spark di - vine the blaz - ing lights as one com - bine to chase the

feeds their spark di - vine the blaz - ing lights as one com - bine to chase the

Flutes 8', 4'

46

dark - ness from the earth: In Christ we have a sec - ond birth.

dark - ness from the earth: In Christ we have a sec - ond birth.

50

We are the hands and feet of Christ, up - lift - ed by his sa - cri-

We are the hands and feet of Christ, up - lift - ed by his sa - cri-

I: Solo Horn 8'

LH

II: Principals 8', 4'
or Flutes to balance

54

ficē. We'll share the gifts that we've re - ceived, and light a fire in the

ficē. We'll share the gifts that we've re - ceived, and light a fire in the

Flute 8' or quiet Diapason

58

S night. We thank you Lord for gifts of love, a - bun - dant bless - ings from a -

A night. Thank you, Lord, bless - ings from a -

B night. Thank you, Lord, bless - ings from a -

I: Solo Horn 8'

II: Principals 8', 4' or Flutes to balance

62

mp

bove: the light of Christ placed in our hearts, a stead-y flame to light the

mp

bove: the light of Christ placed in our hearts, — a stead-y flame to light the

mp

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Flute 8' or quiet Diapason

66

poco allarg. *f* *a tempo*

dark. We thank you, Lord, for gifts of love, a - bun - dant bless - ings from a -

cresc. *poco allarg.* *f a tempo*

dark. Thank you Lord, — bless - ings from a -

cresc. *poco allarg.* *f a tempo*

dark. Thank you Lord, bless - ings from a -

poco allarg. *a tempo*

for rehearsal only

70

mp

bove: the light of Christ placed in our hearts, a stead-y flame to light the

mp

bove: the light of Christ placed in our hearts, — a stead-y flame to light the

mp

bove: the light of Christ placed in our hearts, a stead-y flame to light the

Play

74

rit.

dark.

rit.

dark.

rit.

dark.

I: Quiet solo stop 8'

II: Quiet Strings 8'

rit.