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A Steady Flame to Light the Dark

SSA and Organ

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

Gently (♩ = 60)

I

Organ

II

5

S
A

unis. mp

In times of

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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

13

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

17

mp

S1 And e - ven in the dark - est night we thank the Lord for hid - den

S2

A Ooh ooh

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 -

ooh ooh

II: Flute 8' or quiet Diapason

25 *mf*

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

mf

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

Flute 8' or quiet Diapason

33

dark.

S2

dark.

I: Quiet solo stop 8'

II: Quiet Flute 8'

38

S1
S2

mf
And when each

A

mf
And when each

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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'

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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'

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

54

S1
 fice. We'll share the gifts that we've re - ceived, and light a fire in the

S2
 A
 fice. We'll share the gifts that we've re - ceived, and light a fire in the

Flute 8' or quiet Diapason

58

S1
f
 night. We thank you Lord for gifts of love, a-bun-dant bless - ings from a -

S2
 A
f
 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

Flute 8' or quiet Diapason

66

poco allarg. *a tempo*

f

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

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

Play

74

rit.

dark.

rit.

dark.

I: Quiet solo stop 8'

rit.

II: Quiet Strings 8'