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The Cathedral Church of St. Anne, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears

SATB and Organ

Phineas Fletcher

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Calmly and spaciouly (♩ = 56)

mp

Soprano
Drop, drop, slow tears;

Alto
Drop, drop, slow

Tenor
Drop, drop, slow tears;

Bass
Drop, drop, slow

Calmly and spaciouly (♩ = 56)

p

Organ

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drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those

tears; drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those

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tears; drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those

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beau - teous feet which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of

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10 *mp*
 Peace: Cease not, wet eyes, _____
Div. mp
 Peace: Cease not, wet eyes, _____
mp
 Peace: Cease not, wet eyes, _____
Div. mp
 Peace: Cease not, wet eyes, _____

14 *mf* *f*
 his mer - cies to en - treat; to cry for ven - geance sin doth
mf *Unison f*
 his mer - cies to en - treat; to cry for ven - geance sin doth
mf *Unison f*
 his mer - cies to en - treat; to cry for ven - geance sin doth

18 *mp*
 nev - er cease, sin doth nev - er cease.
mp
 nev - er cease, sin doth nev - er cease.
mp
 nev - er cease, sin doth nev - er cease.
mp
 nev - er cease, sin doth nev - er cease.

18 *mp*
 nev - er cease, sin doth nev - er cease.
mp
 nev - er cease, sin doth nev - er cease.
mp
 nev - er cease, sin doth nev - er cease.

22 *mp*
 In your deep floods, in your deep—
mp
 In your deep floods,
mp
 In your deep floods, *mp* in your deep—
mp
 In your deep floods,

22 *p*
 In your deep floods,
p
 In your deep floods,
p
 In your deep floods,

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floods drown all my faults and fears; nor
 in your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor
 floods drown all my faults and fears; nor
 in your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor

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let his eye see sin, but through my tears, but through my tears.
 let his eye see sin, but through my tears, but through my tears.
 let his eye see sin, but through my tears, but through my tears.
 let his eye see sin, but through my tears, but through my tears.

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pp