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Kisamboge

A Dharma Celebration

for Chorus, SATB

(Piano Accompaniment Optional)

(2010)

KISAMBOGE

**Gatha of Refuge in the Three Jewels
from Commentary on the Contemplation Sutra
by Master Shan-Tao
(Buddhist monk and luminary, lived in China, 613-681 C.E.)**

English Text Prepared by Richard St. Clair

I. Let all monks and laymen gathered here
awaken the mind of highest aspiration!
How difficult it is to reject all known pleasures
and leave the world of samsara!
How hard it is to seek the teaching of Buddha!
Let us all develop the determination to receive
the mind of faith indestructible and clear as a diamond!
Let us all close forever the gate to existence
ruled by four kinds of blind passions: desire, anger, jealousy and delusion!
Let us all enter without any doubt Amida's Light,
which is the ocean-like Wisdom and Compassion.
Let us become one with Him and in a deep reverence
repeat after our master Vasubandhu:
"Being one with Buddha, we take refuge
in the Buddha of Unhindered Light Shining throughout the Ten Directions"
and in the Ocean of Dharmakaya of all Buddhas
including every Sambhogakaya Buddha and every Nirmanakaya Buddha.

II. We pay homage to every bodhisattva
as well as every practitioner of the Dharma
even though their number is inconceivable.
They all are the manifestation of Amida's Pure Land!
They all are the beautiful adornments of Amida's Pure Land!
They promulgate the Law of ten stages as great as the ocean,
which has neither a shore nor a bottom;
their Wisdom of the three lower levels sustains the world;
We pay homage to those who have practiced during ten long kalpas,
as well as those who have not yet finished their task;
To those who have already perfected their wisdom,
as well as those who are still trying to accomplish it;
To those who have already extinguished their blind passions,
as well as those who are still struggling with them;
To those who live among us due to residual karma,
as well as those who are fully emancipated;
To those who still practice self-effort,
as well as those totally free from any self-effort;
To those already gifted with the mind of true faith,
as well as those who are still aspiring to such a treasure;
To those blessed by the happiness of perfect wisdom,
as well as those now approaching that perfection;
They all are being transformed into Amida's Mind;
They all abide in oneness by entering the ultimate nirvana.

Therefore let everyone present here
take refuge in the Three Sacred Buddha Bodies.*

III. Let us accept the transcendent protection of the Primal Vow –
the invisible power which knows no obstacles.

We, the disciples of Buddha,
together with all possible sages of the Three Vehicles,
Equally long to grasp the Mind of Compassion,
equally seek the life of non-retrogression,
equally wish to be provided for by the Other Power
with the precious presence of all Buddhas.

IV. Trapped in bodies sculpted by ignorance,
life after life we have been rolling along
like stones over the cliff of a steep mountain.

Through this gatha we encounter Shakyamuni Buddha,
the special treasure in our unfortunate time
which does not understand the true Dharma.

We learn from Him about Amida's Primal Vow –
the Ultimate Gate into Eternal Happiness.

Everyone who thinks upon these verses
will manage to see the exquisite face of Amida,
shall realize in a single moment the benefits of the visual contemplations,
and shall live henceforth emancipated from the blind passions.

The inconceivable nature of such a realization
is a supreme-level teaching, itself protected carefully
in the treasure-house of the Contemplation Sutra.

This gatha emerges from the Mind of Buddha
to lead us into Oneness with Amida.

V. All Buddhas, as numerous as the sands of the Ganges,
by a full bright spectrum of their mystic powers
affirm Amida's teaching delivered by Shakyamuni Buddha
as the Ultimate Gate called the Pure Land.

Let us all vow to share the merit of this gatha
with all sentient beings without any discrimination
so as to enable them to awaken the aspiration for Bodhi
by the way known as "Birth in the Pure Land."

VI. NAMU AMIDA BUTSU**

*Three bodies of the Buddha (Skt. trikaya)

1. **Dharmakaya:** The Dharma-body, or the "body of reality", which is formless, unchanging, transcendental, and inconceivable. Synonymous with suchness, or emptiness. 2. **Sambhogakaya:** the "reward-body", the celestial body of the Buddha whereby a bodhisattva completes his vows and becomes a Buddha: the personification of eternal perfection in its ultimate sense; it resides in the Pure Land and never manifests itself in the mundane world, but only in the celestial spheres, accompanied by enlightened Bodhisattvas. Amida Buddha is the greatest sambhogakaya buddha. 3. **Nirmanakaya:** the "incarnated body" of the Buddha. In order to benefit certain sentient beings, a Buddha incarnates himself into an appropriate visible body, such as that of Shakyamuni Buddha.

**Namu Amida Butsu, translated, is a Pure Land prayer of thanksgiving to Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Infinite Light and Life, who saves all who take refuge in His Primal Vow.

Note by the Composer

This work may be performed with or without piano accompaniment. While unaccompanied performance is preferred, piano accompaniment is acceptable.

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Lyrics: Original in Chinese, English
version prepared by the composer.

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Duration: ca. 16:00

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I. Moderato, Steady $\text{♩} = 76$

Lyrics: Shan-tao (China, 613-681 CE)

The musical score consists of ten staves. The top five staves are for vocal parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano (Optional). The bottom five staves are for the Chorus: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), and Piano (Pno.). The vocal parts sing in four-measure phrases, with the piano providing harmonic support. The vocal parts begin with a steady eighth-note pattern, followed by a sustained note and eighth-note pairs. The piano part features eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note patterns. The vocal parts then sing the lyrics "Let all monks and" three times, followed by a dynamic change to **f** (fortissimo) and a melodic line that includes eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. The piano part continues with eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note patterns. The vocal parts sing the lyrics "lay - men gath - ered here a - wak - en the mind of high-est as - pir - a - tion! How" three times, followed by a dynamic change to **f** (fortissimo) and a melodic line that includes eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. The piano part continues with eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note patterns. The vocal parts sing the lyrics "lay - men gath - ered here a - wak - en the mind of high-est as - pir - a - tion! How" three times, followed by a dynamic change to **f** (fortissimo) and a melodic line that includes eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. The piano part continues with eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note patterns. The vocal parts sing the lyrics "lay - men gath - ered here a - wak - en the mind of high-est as - pir - a - tion! How" three times, followed by a dynamic change to **f** (fortissimo) and a melodic line that includes eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. The piano part continues with eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note patterns. The vocal parts sing the lyrics "lay - men gath - ered here a - wak - en the mind of high-est as - pir - a - tion! How" three times, followed by a dynamic change to **f** (fortissimo) and a melodic line that includes eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. The piano part continues with eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note patterns.

*Pronounced "Kee-sam-boh-gay"

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9

S A T B Pno.

dif - fi-cult it is to re-ject all known plea-sures, plea-sures, and

dif - fi-cult it is to re - ject all known plea-sures, plea-sures, and

8 dif - fi-cult it is to re-ject all known plea-sures, plea-sures, and

dif - fi-cult it is to re - ject all known plea-sures, plea-sures, and

9

Pno.

13

mf f mp

S A T B Pno.

leave the world of sam - sa - ra! How hard it is to

mf f mp

leave the world of sam - sa - ra! How hard

mf f mp

leave the world of sam - sa - ra! How hard it is to

leave the world of sam - sa - ra! How hard

13

mf f mp

I⁷

S seek the teach - ing of the Bud - dha, the Bud - dha,
A it is to seek the teach - ing of the Budh - dha,
T seek the teach - ing of the Bud - dha, the Bud - dha,
B it is to seek the teach - ing of the Bud - dha,

Pno.

I⁷

I⁷

S the Bud - dha! Let us all de - vel - op the de - ter - mi - na - tion
A the Bud - dha! Let us all de - vel - op the de - ter - mi - na - tion
T the Bud - dha! Let us all de - vel - op the de - ter - mi - na - tion
B the Bud - dha! Let us all de - vel - op the de - ter - mi - na - tion

Pno.

20

S the Bud - dha! Let us all de - vel - op the de - ter - mi - na - tion
A the Bud - dha! Let us all de - vel - op the de - ter - mi - na - tion
T the Bud - dha! Let us all de - vel - op the de - ter - mi - na - tion
B the Bud - dha! Let us all de - vel - op the de - ter - mi - na - tion

Pno.

20

20

23

S to re - ceive the mind of faith in - de - struc - ti - ble and clear as a dia - mond! Let us all close -

A to re - ceive the mind of faith in - de - struc - ti - ble and clear as a dia - mond! Let us all close -

T 8 to re - ceive the mind of faith in - de - struc - ti - ble and clear as a dia - mond! Let us all close -

B to re - ceive the mind of faith in - de - struc - ti - ble and clear as a dia - mond! Let us all close -

Pno.

23

23

26

S — for - e - ver the gate to ex - is - tence ruled by the four kinds of blind pas - sions, de -

A — for e - ver the gate to ex - is - tence ruled by the four kinds of blind pas - sions, de -

T 8 — for e - ver the gate to ex - is - tence ruled by the four kinds of blind pas - sions, de -

B — for - e - ver the gate to ex - is - tence ruled by the four kinds of blind pas - sions, de -

Pno.

26

29

Sire, an - ger, jeal - ou-sy, and de - lu - sion! Let us all

A

sire, an - ger, jeal - ou-sy, and de - lu - sion!

T

⁸ sire, an - ger, jeal - ou-sy, and de - lu - sion! Let us all

B

sire, an - ger, jeal - ou-sy, and de - lu - sion!

Pno.

29

29

32

en - ter with - out an - y doubt A - mi - - - da's Light,

A

A - mi - - - da's Light,

T

⁸ en - ter with - out an - y doubt A - mi - - - da's Light,

B

A - mi - - - da's Light,

Pno.

32

32

35

S which is the o - cean-like wis - dom and com - pas - sion. *mp*

A which is the o - cean-like wis - dom and com - pas - sion. *mp*

T which is the o - cean-like wis - dom and com - pas - sion. *mp* *p* (Mm)

B which is the o - cean-like wis - dom and com - pas - sion. *mp* *p* (Mm)

Pno.

35

S

A

T

B

Pno.

38

S Let us be - come one with Him and in deep rev - er - ence re - peat af - ter our *mp*

A Let us be - come one with Him and in deep rev - er - ence re - peat af - ter our *mp*

T

B

Pno.

38

S

A

T

B

Pno.

38

41

Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B) Piano (Pno.)

Mas-ter Va - su - ban - dhu: "Be - ing one with Bud-dha, we take
 Mas-ter Va - su - ban - dhu: "Be - ing one with Bud-dha, we take
 Va - su - ban - dhu: "Be - ing one with Bud-dha, we take
 Va - su - ban - dhu: "Be - ing one with Bud-dha, we take

45

Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B) Piano (Pno.)

re - fuge in the Bud - dha of Un hin - dered Light shin-ing through-out the Ten - Di -
 re - fuge in the Bud - dha of Un - hin - dered Light shin-ing through-out the Ten ____ Di -
 re - fuge in the Bud - dha of Un - hin - dered Light shin-ing through-out the Ten ____ Di -
 re - fuge in the Bud - dha of Un - hin - dered llight shin-ing through-out the Ten ____ Di -

49

S A T B Pno.

f

rec - tions" and ____ in the o - cean of Dhar - ma - kay - a

f

rec - tions" and ____ in the o - cean of Dhar - ma - kay - a

f

rec - tions" and ____ in the o - cean of Dhar - ma - kay - a

f

rec - tions" and ____ in the o - cean of Dhar - ma - kay - a

49

Pno.

49

52

S A T B Pno.

rit. *mp*

of all Bud-dhas in - clud - ing ev - ery Sam-bho - ga - kay - a, ev - ery Nir - ma -

mp

of all Bud-dhas in - clud - ing ev - ery Sam-bho - ga - kay - a, ev - ery Nir - ma -

mp

of all Bud-dhas in - clud - ing ev - ery Sam-bho - ga - kay - a, ev - ery Nir - ma -

mp

52

52

55

S na - kay - a Bud-dha!

A na - kay - a Bud-dha!

T na - kay - a Bud-dha!

B na - kay a Bud-dha!

Pno.

II. Allegretto, gently swaying $\text{♩} = 60$

58 *mf*

S We pay hom - age to ev - er-y bo - dhi - satt - va as well as ev - er - y

A We pay hom - age to ev - er-y bo - dhi - satt - va as well as ev - er - y

T We pay hom - age to ev - er-y bo - dhi - satt - va as well as ev - er - y

B We pay hom - age to ev - er-y bo - dhi - satt - va as well as ev - er - y

Pno.

62

Soprano (S) vocal line:

prac - ti - tion-er of the Dhar - ma e - ven though _____ their

Alto (A) vocal line:

prac - ti - tion-er of the Dhar - ma e - ven though _____ their

Tenor (T) vocal line:

prac - ti - tion-er of the Dhar - ma e - ven though _____ their

Bass (B) vocal line:

prac - ti - tion-er of the Dhar - ma though their _____

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment (top staff):

62

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment (bottom staff):

62

65

Soprano (S) vocal line:

num - ber is in - con - ceiv - a - ble. They are all the man - i - fes - *f*

Alto (A) vocal line:

num - ber is in - con - ceiv - a - ble. They are all the man - i - fes - *f*

Tenor (T) vocal line:

num - ber is in ____ con - ceiv - a - ble. They are all the man - i - fes - *f*

Bass (B) vocal line:

num - ber is in - con - ceiv - a - ble. They are all the man - i - fes - *f*

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment (top staff):

65

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment (bottom staff):

65

68

S ta - tion of A - mi - da's Pure Land! They are all the beau - ti - ful a -

A ta - tion of A - mi - da's Pure Land! They are all the beau - ti - ful a -

T ta - tion of A - mi - da's Pure Land! They are all the beau - ti - ful a -

B ta - tion of A - mi - da's Pure Land! They are all the beau - ti - ful a -

Pno.

68

S ta - tion of A - mi - da's Pure Land! They are all the beau - ti - ful a -

68

S dorn - ments of A - mi - da's Pure Land! They pro - mul - gate the Law of Ten

A dorn - ments of A - mi - da's Pure Land! They pro - mul - gate the Law of Ten

T dorn - ments of A - mi - da's Pure Land!

B dorn - ments of A - mi - da's Pure Land!

Pno.

71

S dorn - ments of A - mi - da's Pure Land! They pro - mul - gate the Law of Ten

A dorn - ments of A - mi - da's Pure Land! They pro - mul - gate the Law of Ten

T dorn - ments of A - mi - da's Pure Land!

B dorn - ments of A - mi - da's Pure Land!

Pno.

Soprano (S) and Alto (A) sing in unison at measure 74. The piano accompaniment begins at measure 74.

74

Soprano (S): Sta-ges as great as the o - cean, which _____ has nei-ther a shore nor ____ a

Alto (A): Sta-ges as great as the o - cean, which _____ has nei-ther a shore nor ____ a

Tenor (T): Rest

Bass (B): Rest

Piano (Pno.): Rest

74

Soprano (S): bot-tom; their wis-dom _____ of the Three Low - er Lev-els _____

Alto (A): bot-tom; their _____ wis-dom _____ of the Three Low - er Lev-els _____

Tenor (T): Rest

Bass (B): Rest

Piano (Pno.): Rest

78

Soprano (S): their wis-dom _____ of the Three Low - er Lev-els _____

Alto (A): their _____ wis-dom _____ of the Three Low - er Lev-els _____

Tenor (T): their wis-dom _____ of the Three Low - er Lev-els _____

Bass (B): their wis-dom _____ of the Three Low - er Lev-els _____

Piano (Pno.): Rest

78

82

S sus - tains _____ the world, sus - tains _____ the world.

A sus - tains _____ the world, sus - tains _____ the world.

T sus - tains _____ the world, sus - tains _____ the world.

B sus - tains _____ the world, sus - tains _____ the world.

Pno.

82

Pno.

82

S *p* We pay hom - age to those who have prac - ticed dur - ing ten long

A *p* We pay hom - age to those who have prac - ticed dur - ing ten long

T

B

Pno.

86

Pno.

89

S kal-pas, _____

A kal-pas, _____

T *p* as well as those who have not yet fin - ished their task;

B *p* as well as those who have not yet fin - ished their task;

Pno.

92

S rea - dy per - fec - ted their wis - dom, _____

A rea - dy per - fec - ted their wis - dom _____

T as well as those who are still try - ing to ac - com - plish

B as well as those who are still try - ing to ac - com - plish

Pno.

95 *mf*

S — to those who have al - read - y ex - ting - uished their blind pas-sions; —

A — to those who have al - read - y ex - ting - uished their blind pas-sions; —

T 8 it. — *mf* as well as those who are still

B 8 it. — as well as those who are still

Pno. 95 *mf*

95 8 8

98

S — to — those who live a - mong us due — to re-sid - u - al —

A — to — those who live a - mong us — due — to re-sid - u - al —

T 8 strug - gling with them; —

B 8 strug - gling with them; —

Pno. 98

98

I01

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: karma; ____ to ____ those who still ____

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: kar - ma; ____ to ____ those who still ____

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: as well as those who are ful - ly e-man - ci - pa - ted. _____

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: as well as those____ who are ful - ly e-man - ci - pa - ted. _____

Piano (Pno.) harmonic support with bass line.

I01

I01

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: prac-tice self - ef - fort, self - ef - fort, self - ef - fort; _____ to

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: prac-tice self - ef - fort, self ef - fort, self - ef - fort; _____

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: as well as those to - tal - ly free from an - y self - ef - fort; _____

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: as well as those to - tal - ly free from an - y self - ef - fort; _____

f

I04

Piano (Pno.) harmonic support with bass line.

I04

107

S those al-read-y gift-ed with the mind of true faith, _____ as well as those who are _____ still as -

A to those al-read-y gift-ed with the mind of true faith, as well as those who are still -

T to those al-read-y gift-ed with the mind of true faith as well as

B to those al-read-y gif -ted with the mind of faith as

Pno.

107

107

110

S pir - ing to such _____ a trea-sure, _____ to such a trea-sure; to those blessed _____ by the hap -

A _____ as -pir - ing to such a trea-sure, such a trea-sure; to those blessed _____ by the hap -

T those who are still _____ as -pir - ing to such _____ a trea-sure; to those blessed _____ by the hap -

B well as those who are still as -pir - ing to such trea-sure; to those blessed _____ by the hap -

Pno.

110

110

113

S - pi - ness of per - fect ____ wis - dom, as

A - pi - ness of per - fect ____ wis - dom, as

T 8 - pi - ness of per - fect ____ wis - dom, as

B - pi - ness of per - fect wis - dom, as

Pno.

113

113

116

S well as those now ____ ap - proach - ing that ____ per - fec - tion; they all are

A well as those now ____ ap - proach - ing that ____ per - fec - tion; they all are

T 8 well as those now ____ ap - proach - ing that ____ per - fec - tion; they all are

B well as those now ____ ap - proach - ing that ____ per - fec - tion; they all are

Pno.

116

116

119

S be - ing trans - formed in - to A mi - da's mind; they

A be - ing trans - formed in - to A - mi - da's mind; they

T 8 be - ing trans - formed in - to A - mi - - da's mind; they

B be - ing trans - formed in - to A - mi - dia's mind; they

Pno.

119

119

122 *allargando*

S all a - bide ____ in one-ness by en - ter - ing the ul - ti - mate nir - va - na, the

A all a - bide ____ in one-ness by en - ter - ing the ul - ti - mate-nir - va - na, the

T 8 all a - bide ____ in one-ness by en - ter - ing the ul - ti - mate nir - va - na, the

B all a - bide ____ in one-ness by en - ter - ing the ul - ti - mate nir - va - na, the ul - ti -

Pno.

122

122

Meno mosso $\text{♩} = 65$

Soprano (S) vocal line:

125 $\text{ul - ti - mate nir - va - na.}$ There-fore let ev - ery-one pre - sent here take

125 $\text{ul - ti - mate nir - va - na.}$ There-fore let ev - ery-one pre - sent here take

125 $\text{ul - ti - mate nir - va - na.}$ There-fore let ev - ery-one pre - sent here take

125 $\text{mate - - - nir - va - na.}$ There-fore let ev - ery-one pre - sent here take

Piano (Pno.) piano line:

125 rit. $\text{re - fuge in the three sac - red Bud - dha Bod - ies.}$

125 $\text{re - fuge in the three sac - red Bud - dha Bod - ies.}$

125 $\text{re - fuge in the three sac - red Bud - dha Bod - ies.}$

125 $\text{re - fuge in the three sac - red Bud - dha Bod - ies.}$

Piano (Pno.) piano line:

III. Con moto $\text{♩} = 90$

mf

Soprano (S) Treble clef, 4/4 time, note value ♩ .
 Let us ac - cept the trans - cen - dent pro - tec - tion of the Pri - mal *mf*

Alto (A) Treble clef, 4/4 time.
 Let

Tenor (T) Treble clef, 4/4 time, note value ♩ .
 8

Bass (B) Bass clef, 4/4 time.

Piano (Pno.) Treble clef, 4/4 time, note value ♩ .
mf

132

132

135

Soprano (S) Treble clef, 4/4 time, note value ♩ .
 Vow, and ac - cept the trans - cen - dent per - fec - tion of the Pri - mal

Alto (A) Treble clef, 4/4 time.
 us ac - cept the trans - cen - dent pro - tec - tion of the Pri - mal

Tenor (T) Treble clef, 4/4 time, note value ♩ .
 8

Bass (B) Bass clef, 4/4 time.

Piano (Pno.) Treble clef, 4/4 time, note value ♩ .
135

135

I38

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: "Vow, let us ac -".

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: "Vow,".

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: "Let us ac - cept the trans - cen - dent pro - tec - tion of the Pri - mal". Dynamic: *mf*.

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: "Let".

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment in 138 time, featuring eighth-note chords.

141

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: "cept the trans - cen - dent pro - tec - tion of the Pri -".

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: "let us ac - cept the trans - cen - dent pro - tec - ion of the".

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: "Vow, the trans - cen - dent pro - tec - tion of the Pri -".

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: "us ac - cept the trans - cen - dent pro - tec - tion of the Pri -".

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment in 141 time, featuring eighth-note chords.

144

S - mal ____ Vow, the in - vi - si - ble ____ Pow - er which knows no ob - stac - les.

A Pri - - mal Vow, the in vi - si - ble ____ Pow - er which knows no ob - stac - les.

T 8 - mal ____ Vow, the in - vi - si - ble ____ Pow - er which knows no ob - stac - les.

B mal ____ Vow, the in - vi - si - ble ____ Pow - er which knows no ob - stac - les.

Pno. 144

144

S We, the dis - ci - ples of the Bud-dha, we, the dis - ci - ples of the Bud-dha, to -

A We, the dis - ci - ples of the Bud-dha, we, the dis - ci - ples of the Bud-dha, to -

T 8 We, the dis - ci - ples of the Bud-dha, we, the dis - ci - ples of the Bud-dha, to -

B We, the dis - ci - ples of the Bud-dha, we, the dis - ci - ples of the Bud-dha, to -

Pno. 147

147

150

Soprano (S) vocal line:

geth - er with all pos - si - ble Sag - es of the Three Ve - hi-cles,

Alto (A) vocal line:

geth - er with all pos - si - ble Sa - ges of the Three Ve - hi-cles, e -

Tenor (T) vocal line:

geth - er with all pos - si - ble Sa - ges of the Three Ve - hi-cles,

Bass (B) vocal line:

geth - er with all pos - si - ble Sa - ges of the Three Ve - hi-cles,

Piano (Pno.) piano line (top staff):

150

Piano (Pno.) piano line (bottom staff):

150

153

Soprano (S) vocal line:

e - qual - ly

Alto (A) vocal line:

- qual - ly long to grasp the Mind of Com - pas - sion, e - qual - ly

Tenor (T) vocal line:

Bass (B) vocal line:

Piano (Pno.) piano line (top staff):

153

Piano (Pno.) piano line (bottom staff):

153

156

S long _____ to grasp _____ the Mind _____ of Com pas - sion, to grasp _____ the Mind _____ of Com -

A seek _____ the life _____ of non - ret - ro - gres - sion, _____ the life of non - ret - ro -

T 8

B

Pno.

156

156

159

S pas -

A gres - sion, _____ of ____ non - ret - ro - gres - sion, non - ret - ro -

T 8 e - qual - ly long to grasp _____ the Mind _____ of Com -

B

Pno.

159

159

162

S - sion, grasp the Mind of Com - pas - - -

A gres - sion, grasp the Mind of Com - pas - - -

T pas - sion, grasp the Mind of Com - pas - - -

B e - qual - ly long to grasp the Mind of Com-pas - -

Pno.

165

S - - - sion, e - qual - ly wish to be pro -

A - - - sion, e - qual - ly wish to be pro -

T 8 - - - sion, e - qual - ly wish to be pro -

B - - - sion, e - qual - ly wish to be pro -

Pno.

165

- - - sion, e > - qual - ly wish to be pro -

165

168

S vid - ed for by ____ the Oth - er Pow - er with the pre - cious pre - sence ____

A vid - ed for by ____ the Oth - er Pow - er with the pre - cious pre - sence ____

T vid - ed for by ____ the Oth - er Pow - er with the pre - cious pre - sence ____

B vid - ed for by the Oth - er Pow - er with the pre - cious pre - sence ____

Pno.

168

168

168

171

Meno mosso $\text{♩} = 70$

S — of all Bud - dhas, of all

A — of all Bud - dhas, of all

T — of all Bud - dhas, of all

B — of all Bud - dhas, of al

Pno.

171

171

IV. Sostenuto $\text{♩} = 80$

I74

S: Bud - dhas. Trapped in bod - ies

A: Bud - dhas. *p* Hm

T: Bud - dhas. *p* Hm

B: Bud - dhas. *p* Hm

Pno. *I74*

I74

I78

S: sculp-ted by ig-nor-ance life af - ter life we have been__rol - ling a - long like stones _____

A: hm hm hm hm

T: > hm hm hm hm

B: > hm hm hm hm

Pno. *I78*

I78

182

S o - ver a cliff of a ssteep moun - - - - tain, like

A hm hm hm, trapped in bod - ies

T hm hm hm Trapped in

B hm hm hm Trapped in

Pno.

182

182

186

S stones o - ver the cliff of a steep moun - - - - tain, of a

A sculpted by ignorance life af - ter life we have beenrol-ling a - long like stones o - ver the

T bod - ies sculp - ted by igno-rence, life af - ter life we have been rol - ling, rol - ling a-long like

B bod - ies sculp - ted by igno-rence, life af - ter life we have been rol - ling, rol - ling a-long like

Pno.

186

186

30

190

S

A

T

B

Pno.

194

S

A

T

B

Pno.

198

S spe - cial trea - sure in our un - for - tu - nate time

A spe - cial trea - sure in our un - for - tu - nate time

T spe - cial trea - sure in our un - for - tu - nate time which does not

B spe - cial trea - sure in our un - for - tu - nate time.

Pno.

201

S which does not un - der-stand the true

A which does not un - der - stand the true Dhar - ma

T un - der-stand the true Dhar - ma, the

B

Pno.

204

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: Dhar - ma. We

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: We

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: true Dhar - ma. We

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: which does not un - der - stand the true Dhar-ma. We

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment

204

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: learn from Him a-bout A - mi - da's Pri - mal Vow, the Ul - ti - mate Gate in - to E -

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: learn from Him a-bout A - mi - da's Pri - mal Vow, the Ul - ti - mate Gate in - to E -

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: learn from Him a-bout A - mi - da's Pri - mal Vow, the Ul - ti - mate Gate in - to E -

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: learn from Him a-bout A - mi - da's Pri - mal Vow, the Ul - ti - mate Gate in - to E -

207

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment

Soprano (S) vocal line, Treble clef, key signature of two sharps.

Alto (A) vocal line, Treble clef.

Tenor (T) vocal line, Treble clef, eighth note duration indicated by a '8' below the staff.

Bass (B) vocal line, Bass clef.

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment, Treble clef.

Measure 210:

Soprano: ter - - - nal hap - - - pi - ness, hap - - pi - ness.

Alto: ter - - - nal hap - - - pi - ness, hap - - pi - ness.

Tenor: ter - - - nal hap - - - pi - ness, hap - - pi - ness.

Bass: ter - - - nal hap - - - pi - ness, hap - - pi - ness.

Piano: 210 piano accompaniment.

Measure 213:

mf dynamic.

Soprano: Ev-ery one who thinks up - on these ver - ses will man-age ____ to see the ex -

Alto: *mf* dynamic. Ev-ery-one who thinks up - on these ver - ses will man-age to ____ see the ex -

Tenor: *mf* dynamic. Ev-ery-one who thinks up - on these ver - ses will man - age to see the ex -

Bass: *mf* dynamic. Ev-ery-one who thinks up - on these ver - ses will man - age to see the ex -

Piano: 213 piano accompaniment.

34

216

S qui - site face of A - mi - da, _____ shall re - a - lize in a

A qui - site face of A - mi - da, _____ shall re - a - lize in a

T qui - site face of A - mi - da, _____ shall re - a - lize in a

B qui - site face of A - mi - da, _____ shall re - a - lize in a

Pno.

216

216

S sin - gle mo - ment the be - ne - fits ____ of the vi - su - al con - templa - tions, *mp*

A sin - gle mo - ment the be - ne - fits ____ of the vi - su - al con - templa - tions, *mp*

T sin - gle mo - ment the be - ne - fits ____ of the vi - su - al con - templa - tion *mp*

B sin - gle mo - ment the be - ne - fits ____ of the vi - su - al con - templa - tions *mp*

Pno.

219

219

S sin - gle mo - ment the be - ne - fits ____ of the vi - su - al con - templa - tions, *mp*

A sin - gle mo - ment the be - ne - fits ____ of the vi - su - al con - templa - tions, *mp*

T sin - gle mo - ment the be - ne - fits ____ of the vi - su - al con - templa - tion *mp*

B sin - gle mo - ment the be - ne - fits ____ of the vi - su - al con - templa - tions *mp*

Pno.

222

S: and shall live hence-forth e - man - ci - pa - ted from

A: and shall live hence-forth e - man - ci - pa - ted from the blind

T: and shall live hence-forth e - man - ci - pa - ted from

B: and shall live hence-forth e - man - ci - pa - ted from

Pno.

222

222

225

S: the blind pas - - - - sions.

A: pas - - - - sions.

T: the blind pas - - - - sions.

B: the blind pas - - - - sions.

Pno.

225

225

36

a tempo ($\text{♩} = 80$)

227 *ff*

S The in - con - cei - va - ble na - ture of such a re - al - i -

A The in - con - cei - va - ble na - ture of such a re - al - i -

T The in - con - cei - va - ble na - ture of such a re - al - i -

B The in - con - cei - va - ble na - ture of such a re - al - i -

Pno.

227 *ff*

227 *ff*

230

S za - tion is a sup - reme le - vel teach - ing, it - self pro -

A za - tion is a sup - reme le - vel teach - ing, it - self pro -

T za - tion is a sup - reme le - vel teach - ing, it - self pro -

B za - tion is a sup - reme lev - vel teach - ing, it - self pro -

Pno.

230

230

233 *f* *mf* *rit.* *mp*

S tec - ted care - ful - ly in the trea - ssure-house of the Con - tem - pla - tion

A tec - ted care - ful - ly in the trea - ssure-house of the Con - tem - pla - tion

T tec - ted care - ful - ly in the trea - ssure-house of the Con - tem - pla - tion

B tec - ted care - ful - ly in the trea - ssure-house of the Con - tem - pla - tion

Pno. 233 *f* *mf* *mp*

236 *p* *f* **Energico, swinging** $\text{♩} = 70$

S Su - tra. This ga - tha e - mer - ges from ____ the Mind of

A Su - tra. This ga - tha e - mer - ges from ____ the Mind of

T Su - tra. This ga - tha e - mer - ges from ____ the Mind of

B Su - tra. This ga - tha e - mer - ges from ____ the Mind of

Pno. 236 *p* *f*

239

S: Bud - dha to lead us in - to one - ness with A -

A: Bud - dha to lead us in - to one - ness with A -

T: 8 Bud - dha to lead us in - to one - ness with A -

B: Bud - dha to lead us in - to one - ness with A -

Pno.

239

Bud - dha to lead us in - to one - ness with A -

239

Bud - dha to lead us in - to one - ness with A -

242 *ff* rit. *mp*

S: mi dia, A -

A: mi da, A -

T: 8 mi da, A -

B: mi da, A -

Pno.

242 *ff* *mp*

242 *ff* *mp*

246

S mi - - da.

A mi - - da.

T mi - - da.

B mi - - da.

Pno.

V. Lento, molto espressivo $\text{♩} = 70$

251 *mp*

S All Bud - dhas, all Bud - dhas as nu - mer - ous as the

A All Bud - dhas, all Bud - dhas as nu - mer - ous as the

T All Bud - dhas, all Bud - dhas as nu - mer - ous as the

B All Bud - dhas, all Bud - dhas as nu - mer - ous as the

Pno.

254

S
A
T
B
Pno.

sands of the Gan - ges by a full bright spec - trum of their mys - tic

sands of the Gan - ges by a full bright spec - trum of their mys - tic

sands of the Gan - ges by a full bright spec - trum of their mys - tic

sands of the Gan - ges by a full bright spec - trum of their mys - tic

254

Pno.

254

257 *f*

S
A
T
B
Pno.

pow - ers af - firm A - mi - da's teach - ing de - liv - ered by

pow - ers af - firm A - mi - da's teach - ing de - liv - ered by

pow - ers af - firm A - mi - da's teach - ing de - liv - ered by

pow - ers af - firm A - mi - da's teach - ing de - liv - ered

257

257 *f*

Pno.

260

S Shak - ya - mu - ni Bud - dha _____ as the Ul - ti - mate Gate called the

A Shak - ya - mu - ni Bud - dha _____ as the Ul - ti - mate Gate called the

T Shak - ya - mu - ni Bud - dha _____ as the Ul - ti - mate Gate called the

B by Shak - ya - mu - ni Bud - dha _____ as the Ul - ti - mate Gate called the

Pno.

260

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263 <>

S Pure Land the Pure Land.

A Pure Land, the Pure Land.

T Pure Land, the Pure Land.

B Pure Land, the Pure Land.

Pno.

263

263

266

S Let us all vow to share the mer - it, the mer - it of this ga - tha

A Let us all vow to share the mer - it, the mer - it of this ga - tha

T Let us all vow to share the mer - it, the mer - it of this ga - tha

B Let us all vow to share the mer - it, the mer - it of this ga - tha

Pno.

266

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269

S with all sen - tient be - ings with - out an - y dis-crim - i - na - tion

A with all sen - tient be - ings with - out an - y dis-crim - i - na - tion

T with all sen - tient be - ings with - out an - y dis-crim - i - na - tion

B with all sen - tient be - ings with - out an - y dis-crim - i - na - tion

Pno.

269

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271

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: so as to en - a - ble them to a - wak - en the

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: so as to en - a - ble them to a - wak - en the

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: so as to en - a - ble them to a - wak - en the

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: so as to en - a - ble them to a - wak - en the

Piano (Pno.) harmonic accompaniment

271

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: as - pir - a - tion for Bo - dhi

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: as - pir - a - tion for Bo - dhi

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: as - pir - a - tion for Bo - dhi

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: as - pir - a - tion for Bo - dhi

Piano (Pno.) harmonic accompaniment

273

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: by the Way,

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: by the Way,

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: by the Way,

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: by the Way,

Piano (Pno.) harmonic accompaniment

273

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: as - pir - a - tion for Bo - dhi

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: as - pir - a - tion for Bo - dhi

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: as - pir - a - tion for Bo - dhi

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: as - pir - a - tion for Bo - dhi

Piano (Pno.) harmonic accompaniment

273

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: by the Way,

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: by the Way,

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: by the Way,

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: by the Way,

Piano (Pno.) harmonic accompaniment

275

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: "the Way known as Birth in the Pure Land," repeated three times.

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: "the Way known as Birth in the Pure Land," repeated three times.

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: "the Way known as Birth in the Pure Land," repeated three times.

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: "the Way known as Birth in the Pure Land," repeated three times.

Piano (Pno.) harmonic support with bass line.

Musical dynamics: *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *mp* (mezzo-piano).

279

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics: "in the Pure - - - - -".

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics: "in the Pure - - - - -".

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics: "ini the Pure - - - - -".

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics: "in the Pure - - - - -".

Piano (Pno.) harmonic support with bass line.

Musical dynamics: *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *mp* (mezzo-piano).

282

Soprano (S) vocal line with dynamics *mf*, *pp*, and lyrics "Land." appearing three times.

Alto (A) vocal line with dynamics *mf*, *pp*, and lyrics "Land." appearing three times.

Tenor (T) vocal line with dynamics *mf*, *pp*, and lyrics "Land." appearing three times.

Bass (B) vocal line with dynamics *mf*, *pp*, and lyrics "Land." appearing three times.

Piano (Pno.) harmonic support with bass notes and dynamics *pp*.

282

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VI. Joyful Chorale of Thanksgiving $\text{♩} = 84$

mp

287

Soprano (S) vocal line with lyrics "NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI -".

Alto (A) vocal line with lyrics "NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI -".

Tenor (T) vocal line with lyrics "NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI -".

Bass (B) vocal line with lyrics "NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI -".

Piano (Pno.) harmonic support with bass notes and dynamics *mp*.

287

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290

Soprano (S) vocal line:

cresc.

DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA-MU A - MI-DA BUT -

Alto (A) vocal line:

cresc.

DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA-MU A - MI-DA BUT -

Tenor (T) vocal line:

8 DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA-MU A - MI-DA BUT -

cresc.

Bass (B) vocal line:

DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA-MU A - MI-DA BUT -

Piano (Pno.) harmonic line:

290 DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA-MU A - MI-DA BUT -

290 cresc.

mf

298

mf

S DA BUT - SU NA-MU A - MI - DA BUT-SU NA-MU A - MI - DA BUT-SU NA-MU
A DA BUT - SU NA-MU A - MI - DA BUT-SU NA-MU A - MI - DA BUT-SU NA-MU
T DA BUT - SU NA-MU A - MI - DA BUT-SU NA-MU A - MI - DA BUT-SU NA-MU
B DA BUT - SU NA-MU A - MI - DA BUT-SU NA-MU A - MI - DA BUT-SU NA-MU

298 DA BUT - SU NA-MU A - MI - DA SU NA-MU A - MI - DA BUT-SU NA-MU
Pno.

298 *mf*

298

301

*mp**p**mp*

A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI - DA NA - MU

A A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI - DA NA - MU
T A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI - DA NA - MU
B A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI - DA NA - MU

301 A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU A - MI - DA NA - MU

Pno.

301 *mp* *p* *mp*

48

304

*mf**f*

Slowly, reverently

mp $\text{♩} = 76$

S A - MI - DA NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU

A A - MI - DA NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU

T A - MI - DA NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU

B A - MI - DA NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU

Pno.

304 A - MI - DA NA - MU A - MI - DA BUT - SU NA - MU

304 *mf*

f

mp

307

rit. *mf**p*

S A - MI - DA BUT - SU

A A - MI - DA BUT - SU

T A - MI - DA BUT - SU

B A - MI - DA BUT - SU

Pno.

307

*mf**p*

A - MI - DA BUT - SU

Pno.