

The Answer

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Sopran
Alt

mp
Long a-go in a dus-ty vil-lage full of hun-ger, pain and strife,

Tenor
Bass

mp
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5
a man came forth with a vi-sion of truth and the way to a bet-ter life,
a man came forth with a vi-sion of truth and the way to a bet-ter life,
he was con-vinced he had the ans-wer

9
f the ans-wer and he com-pelled peo-ple to fol-low a - long, but the
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13
hun-ger ne-ver va-nished and the man was ba-nished and the vil-lage dried up and died.
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17
mp At a time when wise men peered through brass tubes to-ward the sky,
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21

the hea-vens changed in pre-dic-ta-ble ways and one man was a-ble to find

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that he had thought he found the ans - wer

f the ans-er and he was quick to write his reve-la - tion, *p* but as

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29

they were scru-ti-nized in his col-leagues eyes, he soon be-came a mo - cke - ry,

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33

don't tell me a-bout the ans-er 'cause then a - no-ther one will come a-long soon,

ah_ *f* the ans-er ah_

ah_ *f* the ans-er ah_

37

I don't be-lieve you have the ans - wer, I've got i - deas too,

ah_ the ans - wer ah_ but if you've

ah_ the ans - wer ah_ but if you've

41 *Fine*
 got e-nough na-i-vi-te, and you've got con-vic-tion then the ans-wer is per-fect for you
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45 *mp*
 an ur-ban sprawl sits cho-king on its dis-charge o-ver-whelmed by in - dus - try,
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49
 sear-ching for a mo-dern day sa-vior from a-no-ther place, in-clined toward cha - ri -
 sear-ching for a mo-dern day sa-vior from a-no-ther place, in-clined toward cha - ri -
 e-very-one's beg-ging for an ans - wer

52
 ty, *f* an ans - wer with - out re - gard to va - li - di -
 ty, *f* an ans - wer with - out re - gard to va - li - di -

56 *da S. al Fine*
 ty, *p* the sear-ching ne-ver ends, it goes on and on and on for e-ter - ni - ty
 ty, *p* the sear-ching ne-ver ends, it goes on and on and on for e-ter - ni - ty