

PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN

TTBB, a cappella

Words and Music
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Performance time: 5:15

Freely, with much feeling ♩ = ca. 52

* *unis. mp*

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Can you _ hear _ _ _ _ _ the pray'r of the chil - dren _ _ _ _ _ on bend - ed

unis. mp

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knee, _ _ _ _ _ in the shad-ow of an un - known room? _ Emp - ty _ _

[5]

cresc.

eyes _ _ _ _ _ with no more _ tears to _ _ _ _ _ cry, _ _ _ _ _ turn - ing

cresc.

With intensity

mf
unis.

heav - en - ward _ _ _ _ _ toward the _ _ _ _ _ light.

Cry - in' **Je - sus

mf
unis.

*May be sung 1/2 step lower

**Alternate text: Who will

9 *f*

help me _____ to see the morn-in' light _____ of one more day, but if

I should die be-fore I wake, I pray my soul to take. Can you _

13 *mp*

feel _____ the hearts of the chil - dren _____ ach - ing for

unis.

home, _____ for some-thing of their ver - y _____ own. Reach - ing _

17

hands _____ with noth-ing to hold on to, _____ but hope for a

With intensity

bet - ter day, — a bet - ter — day. Cry - in' *Je - sus

unis.

21 *f* help me — to feel the love a - gain — in my own land, but if

f *n.b.*

dim. e rit. *Slowly unis.* un-known roads lead a - way from home, — give me lov - ing arms, 'way from harm.

dim. e rit. *unis.*

26 ****Briskly, with growing intensity** *mf* *n.b.* *cresc.* *poco rit.* Woh, — lah dah dah ***dohm, Ooh, woh, — lah dah dah ***dohm, lah dah dah lah dah dohm,

mf *n.b.* *cresc.* *poco rit.* Ooh — lah dah dah ***dohm,

Slightly faster ♩ = 80

ff

dim. e rit.

Tempo I

unis. mp

Woh, —

doh —

doh —

dah —

dah dah

doh. —

Can you —

ff

dim. e rit.

unis. mp

33

ten.

hushed

p

hear —

the voice of the chil - dren —

soft - ly

hushed

p

ten.

ff

sfz

plead - ing —

for si - lence in their shat - tered world?

An - gry —

ff

sfz

Resolute

mf

cresc.

Warmer, smoothly

unis.

guns — preach a gos-pel full of — hate,

blood of the in-no-cent —

on their —

cresc.

f

mp *ff* 41

hands. Cry-in' *Je-sus help me — to feel the sun a-gain — up-on my face? For when

mp *unis. ff*

rit. e dim. *mp* 44 *a tempo unis. pp*

dark - ness clears, I know you're near, bring-ing peace a - gain. — Da - li —
(Dol - ly —

rit. e dim. *mp* *unis. pp*

cresc. 3

čŭ - je te — sve dje - čje mol - it - ve? —
chew - ye tay — sfay dyay-chyay mo - leet - vay? —)

cresc. 3

Rubato *rit. e dim.* *p* *morendo*

Can you hear the pray'r of the chil - dren?

rit. e dim. *p* *morendo*