

Rise, my soul, and stretch thy wings

Or, Heaven Desired

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The musical score is arranged in four staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass) in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first system (measures 1-13) features a forte (*f*) dynamic and includes an 8-measure rest for each part. The lyrics are: "Rise, my soul, and stretch thy wings, Thy bet-ter por-tion trace; Rise from tran-si-". The second system (measures 14-19) continues the melody and lyrics: "to-ry things Toward heav'n, thy des-tined place. Sun and moon and stars de-cay, Time shall soon this". The third system (measures 20-27) concludes with the lyrics: "earth re-move; Rise, my soul, and haste a-way To seats pre-pared a-bove. *p* Riv-ers to the". The final measure of the third system includes a 7-measure rest marked *legato*. The score is written in a standard musical notation with treble and bass clefs, and includes dynamic markings (*f*, *p*) and articulation (*legato*).

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7 *legato*

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So my soul, de - rived from God, Longs to__ view his glo - rious face, For - ward tends to his a - bode To

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rest in__ his em - brace. *cresc.* **11** *f* Cease, my soul, then, cease to mourn; Press on - ward to the prize.

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Soon the Sav - ior will re - turn, Tri - um - phant in the skies! Yet a sea - son, and we know

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