

Question Everything

SATB- (piano part omitted from this copy)

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Sop A

5 *p*

My aim is not to prove that am I right but to test

Alto

p

My aim is not to prove that am I right but to test

Tenor

8 *p*

My aim is not to prove that am I right but to test

Bass

p

My aim is not to prove that am I right but to test

Sop

8 *mp*

but to test if I am My aim is not to prove that am I

Alto

mp

but to test if I am My aim is not to prove that am I

Tenor

8 *mp*

but to test if I am My aim is not to prove that am I

Bass

mp

but to test if I am My aim is not to prove that am I

Sop

2

mf

11

Alto right but to test but to test if I am My aim is

Tenor right but to test but to test if I am My aim is

Bass right but to test but to test if I am My aim is

Sop right but to test but to test if I am My aim is

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Alto not to prove that am I right but to test but to test if I am

Tenor not to prove that am I right but to test but to test if I am

Bass 8 not to prove that am I right but to test but to test if I am

Sop not to prove that am I right but to test but to test if I am

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B *f*

Alto *f* My aim is not to prove that am I right but to test but to test if I am

Tenor *f* My aim is not to prove that am I right but to test but to test if I am

Bass 8 *f* My aim is not to prove that am I right but to test but to test if I am

Sop *f* My aim is not to prove that am I right but to test but to test if I am

Sop

21

Piu mosso

C

3

right My aim is not to prove that I am right

right My aim is not to prove that I am right

right My aim is not to prove that I am right

right My aim is not to prove that I am right

Sop

right

My aim is not to prove that I am right

25

but to test if I am right My aim is not to

but to test if I am right My aim is not to

but to test if I am right My aim is not

but to test if I am right My aim is not

Sop

but to test

if I am

right

My aim

is

not

28

prove that I am right but to test if I am right Test if I am

prove that I am right but to test if I am Test if I am

to prove I am right but to test if I am right if I am

to prove I am right but to test if I am right if I am

Sop

D

[From here to half way through bar 42 may be performed a capella if preferred.]

31

p

Do not hope as you be-gin to ob-serve They may be

Do not hope as you be-gin to ob-serve They may be

If I am right Do not hope as you be-gin to ob-serve They may be

p

Sop right

35

va-pours or they may well be clouds Be-fore we as-sume that they are

va-pours or they may well be clouds Be-fore we as-sume that they are

va-pours or they may well be clouds Be-fore we as-sume that they are

p

Sop va-pours or they may well be clouds Be-fore we as-sume that they are

38

clouds Let us first as-sume that they are the tails the

clouds, which would suit us Let us first as-sume that they are the tails the

clouds which would suit us Let us first as-sume that they are the tails of

p

clouds Let us first as-sume that they are the tails the

Sop 41 5 E *f*

Alto tails of fish My aim is not to

Tenor tails, the tails of fish My aim is not to

Bass 8 tails of fish My aim is not to prove

Sop 44

Alto prove that I am right but to test if I am right

Tenor prove that I am right but to test if I am My aim is

Bass 8 that I am right but to test if I am right

Sop 47

Alto But to test if I am right

Tenor not to prove that I am right But to test if I am right if I am right

Bass 8 But to test if I am right

not to prove that I am right But to test if I am right

Sop

50 *p*

6

Alto But to test if I am right

p

Tenor But to test if I am right, if I am right

p

Bass But to test if I am right

p

f

We

f

But to test if I am right

We

Sop

54 **F**

p

Alto

p We

Tenor

We

Bass ques-tion ev' - ry-thing and crawl by in - ches, We ques-tion ev' - ry-thing and

Sop ques-tion ev' - ry-thing and crawl by in - ches, We ques-tion ev' - ry-thing and

57 *f*

Alto ques - tion ev' - ry - thing

We ques - tion ev' - ry thing

f

ques - tion ev' - ry - thing

We ques - tion ev' - ry thing

Tenor *p*

Bass crawl by in - ches, We ques-tion ev' - ry-thing and crawl by in - ches, We

p

crawl by in - ches, We ques-tion ev' - ry-thing and crawl by in - ches, We

Sop

7

60

Alto

Tenor

Bass

And we crawl, we crawl

ques - tion ev' - ry - thing we crawl, we crawl

ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by in - ches, We

Sop ques - tion ev' - ry - thing

and crawl

by in - ches, We

62

Alto

Tenor

Bass

we crawl, we crawl we crawl, we crawl by in - ches

we crawl, we crawl we crawl, we crawl by in - ches

ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by in - ches, We

Sop

ques - tion ev' - ry - thing

and crawl

by in - ches, We

64

G

Alto

Tenor

Bass

We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by in - ches, We

ques - tion ev' - ry - thing

and crawl

by in - ches, We

Sop 66 *p* 8

Alto *p* in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

Tenor in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

Bass 8 ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by in - ches,

ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by in - ches,

Sop 68 H

Alto in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

Tenor in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

Bass 8 We *f* ques - tion ev' ry - thing

f

Sop We ques - tion ev' ry - thing

70

Alto in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

Tenor in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

Bass 8 We ques - tion ev' - ry thing

We ques - tion ev' - ry thing

Sop

9

72

Alto in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

Tenor in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

Bass And we crawl, we crawl

ques - tion ev' - ry - thing And we crawl, we crawl

Sop

74

Alto in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

Tenor in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing and crawl by

Bass we crawl, we crawl we crawl, we crawl by in - ches

we crawl, we crawl we crawl, we crawl by in - ches

Sop

76

Alto in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing *f* What we find to - day we wipe

Tenor in - ches, We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing *f* What we find to - day we wipe

Bass We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing *f* What we find to - day we wipe

We ques - tion ev' - ry - thing

Sop

10

79

p subito

Alto from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

p subito

Tenor from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

p subito

Bass from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

[If preferred, the Tenors may double the Bass line from bar 80 to the end of 93 instead of the part shown here]

Sop

What we find to - day

81

Alto from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

Tenor from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

Bass from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

Sop we wipe from the board to - mor - row

83

Alto from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

Tenor from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

Bass from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

We write it up a - gain on - ly

85

Alto from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

Tenor from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

Bass from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

87

Alto from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

Tenor from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

Bass from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe

89

Alto from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe from the board

Tenor from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe from the board

Bass from the board to - mor - row What we find to - day we wipe from the board

to find we re - gard once found with par - ti - cu - lar

Sop

12

92 *f*

Alto with par-ti-cu-lar mis-trust My aim is not to prove that I am right

Tenor with par-ti-cu-lar mis-trust My aim is not to prove that I am right

8 Bass with par-ti-cu-lar mis-trust My aim is not to prove that I am right

Sop with par-ti-cu-lar mis-trust My aim is not to prove that I am right

96

Alto but to test if I am right My aim is not to

Tenor but to test if I am right My aim is not to

8 Bass but to test if I am right My aim is not

Sop but to test if I am right My aim is not

99

Alto prove that I am right but to test if I am right

Tenor prove that I am right but to test if I am Test if I am

8 Bass to prove I am right but to test if I am right if I

to prove I am right but to test if I am right if I am

Sop 102 K *p* 13

We ap - proach ob - ser - va - tion of the

Alto *p*

Tenor right *p*

8 If I am right We ap - proach ob - ser - va - tion of the

Bass *p*

Sop right 106

sun With un - swer - ving de - ter - mi - na -

Alto

Tenor sun With un - swer - ving de - ter - mi - na -

8 sun With un - swer - ving de - ter - mi - na -

Bass

Sop sun 110

tion To prove with ev' - ry ounce of our

Alto

Tenor tion To prove with ev' - ry ounce of our

8 tion To prove with ev' - ry ounce of our

Bass

tion To prove with ev' - ry ounce of our

Sop

14

114

Alto will That Earth stays, that Earth stays un

Tenor will ev' - ry ounce of will That Earth stays, that Earth stays un

8 Bass will, ev' - ry ounce of will That Earth stays, that Earth stays un

Sop will That Earth stays, that Earth stays un

118

Alto wa - ver - ing - ly Un - wa - ver - ing - ly still...

Tenor wa - ver - ing - ly Un - wa - ver - ing - ly still...

8 Bass wa - ver - ing - ly Un - wa - ver - ing - ly still...

wa - ver - ing - ly Un - wa - ver - ing - ly still...

Sop

122

Alto *pp* On - ly when

Tenor *pp* On - ly when

8 *pp* On - ly when

Bass *pp* On - ly when

126

On - ly when On - ly when we have

On - ly when On - ly when we have

On - ly when On - ly when we have

On - ly when On - ly when we have

130

failed, have failed On - ly when

failed, have failed On - ly when

failed, have failed On - ly when

failed, have failed On - ly when

134

On - ly when We have failed de - spite

On - ly when We have failed de - spite

On - ly when We have failed de - spite

On - ly when We have failed de - spite

Sop

16

138

We have failed de - spite Our best ef - forts to

We have failed de - spite Our best ef - forts to

8 We have failed de - spite Our best ef - forts to

We have failed de - spite Our best ef - forts to

142

prove to prove to prove we were right On - ly

prove to prove to prove we were right On - ly

8 prove to prove to prove we were right On - ly

prove to prove to prove we were right On - ly

146

when On - ly when we des - pair, 

when On - ly when we des - pair, 

8 when On - ly when we des - pair, 

when On - ly when we des - pair, 

Sop 150 *p subito* 17 *pp*

When we des - pair re - luc - tan - ly, so re -

Alto *p subito* *pp*

When we des - pair re - luc - tan - ly, so re -

Tenor *p subito* *pp*

8 When we des - pair re - luc - tan - ly, so re -

Bass *p subito* *pp*

When we des - pair re - luc - tan - ly, so re -

Sop 154 M

luc - tant - ly so re - luc - tant - ly ad - mit - ting

Alto

luc - tant - ly so re - luc - tant - ly ad - mit - ting

Tenor

8 luc - tant - ly so re - luc - tant - ly ad - mit - ting

Bass

luc - tant - ly so re - luc - tant - ly ad - mit - ting

Sop 158 *f*

that there is no more that we can do to prove

Alto *f*

that there is no more that we can do to prove

Tenor *f*

8 that there is no more that we can do to prove

Bass *f*

that there is no more that we can do to prove

Sop 18 *ff*

162

To prove that it is Sun and not Earth that

Alto *ff*

To prove that it is Sun and not Earth that

Tenor *ff*

To prove that it is Sun and not Earth that

8

Bass *ff*

To prove that it is Sun and not Earth that

Sop

166 *p*

moves There is no more we can do to prove

Alto *p*

moves There is no more we can do to prove

Tenor

8 moves

Bass *p*

moves There is no more we can do to prove

Sop *ff*

170

that it's the sun and not Earth that moves On - ly

Alto *ff*

that it's the sun and not Earth that moves On - ly

Tenor *ff*

8 that it's the sun and not Earth that moves On - ly

Bass *ff*

that it's the sun and not Earth that moves On - ly

Sop

19

N

174

then On - ly then On - ly

Alto

then On - ly then On - ly

Tenor

8 then On - ly then On - ly

Bass

Sop

poco rit

a tempo

178

then do we he - sit - ta - ting - ly al - low our - selves to as -

Alto

then do we he - sit - ta - ting - ly al - low our - selves to as -

Tenor

8 then do we he - sit - ta - ting - ly al - low our - selves to as -

Bass

Sop

182

sert that the Earth is per - haps not the hub of the

Alto

sert that the Earth is per - haps not the hub of the

Tenor

8 sert that the Earth is per - haps not the hub of the

Bass

sert that the Earth is per - haps not the hub of the

Sop

20

186

u - ni - verse that the Earth is per - haps not the

Alto

u - ni - verse that the Earth is per - haps not the

Tenor

8 u - ni - verse that the Earth is per - haps not the

Bass

u - ni - verse that the Earth is per - haps not the

Sop

190

hub of the u - ni - verse *mp*

Alto

hub of the u - ni - verse *mp*

Tenor

hub of the u - ni - verse *mp*

Bass

hub of the u - ni - verse *mp*

hub of the u - ni - verse

Sop

194

195-196 2

197 *p*

My aim is not to prove that am I

Alto

2

p

My aim is not to prove that am I

Tenor

2

p

My aim is not to prove that am I

Bass

2

p

My aim is not to prove that am I

Sop

199 202-203 2

right but to test but to test if I am

Alto

right but to test but to test if I am

Tenor

8 right but to test but to test if I am

Bass

right but to test but to test if I am

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