

**PSALM**

**121**

**For SATB Chorus and Organ**

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The setting of Psalm 121 was commissioned by Laurence Dent to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Dent graduated from St. Stephen's in 1963 and has always been a devoted alumnus of the school.

The work is dedicated to the memory of Velberta Millerick Towner, Mr. Dent's organ teacher when he was at St. Stephen's, and to the Choir of St. Stephen's, Stewart Wilkinson, Director, and Karen C. Haverlah, Organist.

The composer expresses his appreciation to June Miller for assistance with organ registrations and voicings.

Duration: approximately 3'15"

## **PSALM 121**

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help!

My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not permit thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

# Psalm 121

For SATB Chorus and Organ

Text from *21st Century King James Version*

Bruce Trinkley

Sw: Foundations 8', 4'

Gt: Foundations 8', 4', Sw/Gt

Ped: 16', 8', Sw/Ped

**Andante con moto** ♩ = 100

Manual

Gt. } *mp*

*f* *mp*

Pedal

6

*mf*

I will lift up mine eyes un-to the hills, from whence

*mp*

I will lift up mine eyes un-to the hills,

*mp*

I will lift up mine eyes un-to the hills,

*mp*

I will lift up mine eyes un-to the hills,

6

11

com - eth my help! \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from whence com - eth my help, com - eth my help! \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_ from whence com - eth my help, com - eth my help! \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from whence com - eth my help, com - eth my help! \_\_\_\_\_

11

*sempre legato*

*cresc.*

15

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

My help com - eth from the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ who made heav - en and earth.

*mf*

My help com - eth from the Lord, who made heav - en and earth.

15

*dim.*

*f* *Sw.* *mf* *Gt.*

20 *mp*

help com-eth from the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ who made heav - en and earth, \_\_\_\_\_ He will

help com-eth from the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ who made heav - en and earth, \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

8 My help com-eth from the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ who made heav - en and earth, \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

My help com-eth from the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ who made heav - en and earth, \_\_\_\_\_

20 (Gt.)

25 *warmly*

not \_\_\_\_\_ per-mit thy foot to be moved; He that keep-eth thee will not slum - ber.

*mp* *warmly*

He will not per-mit thy foot to be moved; He that keep-eth thee will not slum - ber.

*mf*

He will not \_\_\_\_\_ per-mit thy

*mf*

He will not \_\_\_\_\_ per-mit thy

25 Sw. *mp* *mf*

30 *f* joyously

Be - hold, \_\_\_\_\_ He that

*f* joyously

Be - hold, \_\_\_\_\_ He that

*warmly* *f* joyously

8 foot to be moved; He that keep - eth thee will not slum - ber. Be-hold, \_\_\_\_\_ He that

*warmly* *f* joyously

foot to be moved; He that keep - eth thee will not slum - ber. Be-hold, \_\_\_\_\_ He that

30

Gt. *f*

35 *dim.* *p* quiet and intense

keep - eth Is - ra - el shall nei - ther slum - ber nor sleep. \_\_\_\_\_ The

*dim.* *p* quiet and intense

keep - eth Is - ra - el shall nei - ther slum - ber nor sleep. \_\_\_\_\_ The

*div.* *unis.* *dim.* *p* quiet and intense

8 keep - eth Is - ra - el shall nei - ther slum - ber nor sleep. \_\_\_\_\_ The

*dim.* *p* quiet and intense

keep - eth Is - ra - el shall nei - ther slum - ber nor sleep. \_\_\_\_\_ The

35

Sw. *dim.* Sw. *p*

40

*mp* Lord is thy keep-er; the Lord is thy shade up-on thy right hand. *mf* *dim.* *mp*

*mp* Lord is thy keep-er; the Lord is thy shade up-on thy right hand. *mf* *dim.*

*mp* Lord is thy keep-er; the Lord is thy shade up-on thy right hand, thy right hand. *mf* *dim.*

*mp* Lord is thy keep-er; the Lord is thy shade up-on thy right hand, thy right hand. The *mf* *dim.* *mp*

40

Gt. *mf*

46

*p* sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

*mp* The sun shall not smite thee nor the moon by night. *p* *mp*

*mp* The sun shall not smite thee nor the moon by night. *p* *mp*

*p* sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

46

Sw. *mp* Reduce Sw.

Sw: Foundations 8', 4', 2

Gt: Foundations 8', 4', 2, Sw/Gt

Ped: 16', 8', Sw/Ped

51 *mp*

He

*with gradually increasing excitement*

Lord shall pre-serve thee from all e - vil; The Lord shall pre-serve thee from all e - vil;

*with gradually increasing excitement*

8 Lord shall pre-serve thee from all e - vil; The Lord shall pre-serve thee from all e - vil; *mp*

51 *with gradually increasing excitement*

Sw. *mp*

55 *f* *cresc.* *ff*

shall preserve thy soul. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ pre-serve thy soul, \_\_\_\_\_ preserve thy soul. \_\_\_\_\_ The

*f* *cresc.* *ff*

The Lord shall preserve thee from all e - vil; The Lord shall preserve thee from all e - vil; The

*f* *cresc.* *ff*

The Lord shall preserve thee from all e - vil; The Lord shall preserve thee from all e - vil; The

*f* *cresc.* *ff*

shall preserve thy soul. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ pre-serve thy soul, \_\_\_\_\_ preserve thy soul. \_\_\_\_\_ The

55 *molto cresc.* Gt. *f*



60 *ecstatically* *piu f*

Lord shall pre - serve thy go - ing out and thy com - ing in. The

*ecstatically* *piu f*

Lord shall pre - serve thy go - ing out and com - ing in, the Lord shall preserve thy going out and com - ing in, The

*ecstatically* *piu f*

8 Lord shall pre - serve thy go - ing out and thy com - ing in. The

*ecstatically* *piu f*

Lord shall pre - serve thy go - ing out and com - ing in, the Lord shall preserve thy going out and com - ing in, The

60 + Sw. Reed(s)

*ff sempre legato* *piu f*

65

Lord shall pre - serve thy go - ing out and com - ing in. The Lord shall pre - serve thy go - ing out From

Lord shall pre - serve thy go - ing out and thy com - ing in. From

8 Lord shall pre - serve thy go - ing out and com - ing in. The Lord shall pre - serve thy go - ing out From

Lord shall pre - serve thy go - ing out and thy com - ing in. From

65

69 *f* poco a poco dim. e ritard.

this time forth, and e-ven for ev - er - more. For ev - er -

69 *f* poco a poco dim. e ritard.

this time forth, and e-ven for ev - er - more. For ev - er -

69 *f* poco a poco dim. e ritard.

this time forth, and e-ven for ev - er - more. For ev - er -

69 *f* poco a poco dim. e ritard.

this time forth, and e-ven for ev - er - more. For ev - er -

74 *mf* *mp* allarg.

more, for ev - er - more, for ev - er - more.

74 *mf* *mp*

more, for ev - er - more, for ev - er - more.

74 *mf* *mp*

more, for ev - er - more, for ev - er - more.

74 *mf* *mp* opt. div.

more, for ev - er - more, for ev - er - more.

74 allarg.

Reduce gradually *mf* *mp*