

BLIND BEGGAR BARTIMAEUS

Baritone Solo with Mixed Chorus (SATB) and Piano

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Simply ♩ = 80

mf

4

Solo *mf*

As a blind child clutch - ing

l.h

mf

7

cob - ble - stones, I won - dered what it meant to see; to

10

know the thing I could not touch; it made no sense to

13

me. As a blind man grop-ing with my hands to some-how

16

guide my stumb-ling feet; I oft-en heard men speak of

cresc.

cresc.

19 *cresc.* *mp* **Gently**

light, but I did not be - lieve. Then Je - sus

22 *cresc.* *mp* *cresc.*

touched me, filled my eyes with liv - ing light, gave me sight and I

25 *S. mf* *div.*

saw. When Je - sus touched me, how could I see and not be - lieve, not per-

28

rit. dim. *mp*

The Son of God? I

the Son of God? *rit. dim.* *mp*

ceive, not per - ceive God?

rit. dim. *mp*

31

a tempo

saw the love in Je - sus' face; I saw the ha - tred men re-

a tempo *mf*

34

turned. I saw Him teach His low - ly ones when

37

wise men would not learn. When He rode in tri - umph through the

S.A. unis. *mf*

When He rode in tri - umph through the

T.B. unis. *mf*

When He

40

streets, _____ I thought the ver - y stones would sing! Then they

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rode in tri - umph through the streets, stones would sing! Then they

cresc. *f*

cresc. *div.* *f*

cresc. *f* *div.*

cresc. *f*

43

took my Lord, mocked and scourged, cru - ci - fied my
 took my Lord, they mocked and scourged, they cru - ci - fied my

cresc.

46

ff *Tenderly*

King!
 King! Did they not

ff *mp* *unis. mp*

ff

8vb

49

see Him? Did they not see His liv - ing light, see His might and feel

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Tenderly

mp *cresc.*

div. *unis.* *cresc.*

52

awe? Did they not see Him? How could they see and not be - lieve? not per -

awe? Did they not see Him? How could they see, not per -

mf *mf* *div.*

mf

55

mf

They were blind

God? the Son of God? *f* *unis.*

ceive the Son of, not per - ceive the Son of God?

ceive the Son of God? the Son of God?

f

58

a tempo

a tempo

child - ren clutch - ing cob - ble - stones, who would not lift their eyes to

a tempo
mp

Oo

a tempo
mf

61

see; _____ con - tent - ed with their cob - ble - stones it

oo _____ oo _____

64

makes no sense to me. Blind beg - gars trust - ing in your
S. Blind beg - gars trust - ing in your

Oo _____ Blind beg - gars
Blind beg - gars

mf *div.*

mf *div.*

67

hands to some-how guide your stumb-ling feet; your

hands to some-how guide your stumb-ling feet; your

hands guide stumb-ling feet; your

70

cresc.

ver-y eyes be-held the Christ, why would you not, how
S. ver-y eyes be-held the Christ, why would you not, how

eyes be-held Christ, why would you not, how

eyes be-held Christ, why would you not, how

73 *Slowly, with emotion*
mf

could you not be - lieve? I am the beg - gar Bar - ti -

could you not be - lieve?

could you not be - lieve?

8^{vb}

77 *mp rit.*

mae - us; though I was blind, yet, now I can

mp rit.

80 *dim.*

see.

dim. *p* *dim.* *pp*

l.h.