

Oh, Strengthen Me

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TTBB

♩ = 62

mf

2 4

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 62. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both in the key of D major. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass line consists of a series of chords: D4, F#4, A4, and B4.

8 *p* Fa- ther of all man- kind, Au- thor of good- ness and mer- cy,

6 8

The vocal line begins at measure 5 with a piano dynamic. The lyrics are: "Fa- ther of all man- kind, Au- thor of good- ness and mer- cy,". The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

8 10 12

Grate- ful in spi- rit I of- fer thee, All that I have, All that I am, And

The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "Grate- ful in spi- rit I of- fer thee, All that I have, All that I am, And". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and a moving bass line.

8 14 16

if I must pass through trial, Bear- ing a bur- den of grief, Stay

The vocal line concludes with the lyrics: "if I must pass through trial, Bear- ing a bur- den of grief, Stay". The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord in the right hand and a descending bass line.

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18 20

thou near my side in my hour of need, Strength- en me, strength- en me, oh strength- en

ten.

22 24

me.

mf

26 28 30

Tenor I & II
p Oo - - - - - , Oo -

Baritone
p Oo - - - - - , Oo -

Bass (Section or solo)
mf Fa- ther, in thee I live, Blessed and sus- tained by thy kind- ness, Giv- er of all, I re-

40 42

Oo - -, Oo - -.

Oo - -, Oo - -.

me, Strength-en me, strength-en me.

44 46

Tenor I&II

a capella mf Thou art my strength and my song,

Baritone/Bass

f *rit.*

48 50

Thou hast be- come my sal- va- tion, Tune thou my heart to thy pur- pose,

52 *mp* 54

Thee will I praise, To thee will I sing, And though sor- row's cup be

56 *mf* 58

bit- ter, Thy will, not mine, be done, Un- til be- yond tears I shall

60 62

(Ten II: Strength- en me,) (Strength- en

dwell with thee, Strength- en me, Strength- en me, O strength- en me,

(Strength- en me, Strength- en me, Strength- en

rit.

64 66

me,) *rit.* Strength- en me, Strength- en me, Strength- en me.

me,) *a tempo* *p*

a tempo *rit.* *p*