

# HOLY THURSDAY II

(Experience)

Poem: William Blake (1794)

Setting: David Avshalomov (2002)

*Andante* ♩ = 90 *sostenuto*

S *p* Ah

A *p* Ah

T *solemnly* (double basses with small choir.) *p* Is this a ho - ly thing to see, in a rich and fruit-ful land *p* Ah

B *solemnly* *p* Is this a ho - ly thing to see, in a rich and fruit-ful land,

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Babes re - duced to mis - er - y, *f* Fed with cold and u - sur - ous hand?

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*p* Babes re - duced to mis - er - y, *f* Fed with cold and u - sur - ous hand?

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*mp* Is that trem - bling cry a song\_\_? Can it be a song of joy? *poco*

*mp* Is that trem - bling cry a song? Can it be a song of joy? *poco*

*mp* Is that trem - bling cry a song\_\_? Can it be a song of joy?

*mp* Is that cry a song? Can it be a song of joy? *poco*

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*mf* And so man - y child - ren poor? It is a land of pov - er - ty

*mf* And so man - y child - ren poor? It is a land of pov - er - ty!

*mf* And so man - y child - ren poor? It is a land of pov - er - ty! a land of pov - er - ty.

*mf* And so man - y child - ren poor? It is a land of pov - er - ty! a land of pov - er - ty.

*Rit.*

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*A tempo, poco meno mosso*

*somber pp* And their sun does nev - er shine.

*somber p* And their sun does nev - er shine. *p* And their sun does nev - er shine.

*somber p* And their sun does nev - er shine. And their fields are

*somber p* And their sun does nev - er shine. And their fields are

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*p* bleak and bare. *mf* And their sun does nev - er shine. *sf* And their ways are fill'd with thorns.

*mp* And their fields are bleak and bare, *mf* bleak and bare. *sf* And their ways are fill'd with thorns. *p* It

bleak and bare, their fields are bleak and bare. *mf* And their ways are fill'd with *sf* thorns. *p* It

bleak and bare, their fields are bleak and bare. *mf* And their ways are fill'd with *sf* thorns. *p* It

30 *ritenuto* *Ancora Meno Mosso*

*pp* For where - e'er the sun does shine,  
*pp* is e - ter - nal win - ter there. For where - e'er the sun does shine, the sun does  
*pp* is e - ter - nal win - ter there. For where - e'er the sun does shine, the sun does  
*pp* is e - ter - nal win - ter there. For where - e'er the sun does shine,

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and where - e'er the rain does fall: babe can nev - er  
 shine, and where - e'er the rain does fall, the rain does fall: babe can nev - er  
 shine, and where - e'er the rain does fall, the rain does fall: babe can nev - er  
 and where - e'er the rain does fall: babe can nev - er

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*mf* *p*  
 hun - ger there, nor pov - er - ty the mind ap - pall.  
 hun - ger there, nor pov - er - ty the mind ap - pall.  
 hun - ger there, nor pov - er - ty the mind ap - pall.  
 hun - ger there, nor pov - er - ty the mind, Is this a ho - ly thing to see?

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