

My Kindness Shall Not Depart From Thee

from Joseph Smith the Prophet

Text adapted from scripture by Rob Gardner

Music by Rob Gardner

Rubato ♩ = 78

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo marking of Rubato ♩ = 78. It consists of three systems of vocal and piano accompaniment. The first system (measures 1-4) features a vocal line starting with a half rest, followed by the lyrics "For a lit tle while Have I for - sa ken thee; But with great mer cies will I". The piano accompaniment begins with a half rest and provides harmonic support. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the vocal line with "ga-ther thee. In a lit-tle wrath I hid my face from thee" and includes a triplet of eighth notes marked *p* for "For a mo-ment.". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The third system (measures 9-12) features the vocal line with "But with ev-erlast ing kindness will I gath er thee, And with mercy will I take thee 'neath my". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

mp For a lit tle while Have I for - sa ken thee; But with great mer cies will I

5 ga-ther thee. In a lit-tle wrath I hid my face from thee *p* For a mo-ment.

9 *mp* But with ev-erlast ing kindness will I gath er thee, And with mercy will I take thee 'neath my

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wings, For the mount-ains shall de - part And the hills shall be re - moved And the

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valleys shall be lost beneath the sea, But know, my child, My kind- ness shall not de part from

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thee! *mf* Though thine af - flic-tions seem At times too great to bear,

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I know thine ev'ry thought and ev'ry care. And though the very jaws Of hell gape af ter thee *p* I am

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with thee. *mp* And with ev-er-last-ing mer-cy will I suc-cor thee, And with

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p

mp

32

heal-ing will I take thee 'neath my wings. Though the mount ains shall de-part And the

32

f

35

hills shall be removed And the val leys shall be lost beneath the sea, Know, my child, My

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kind - ness shall not de - part from thee! *f* How long can rol - ling wa - ters

42

Re main im pure? What pow'r shall stay the hand of God? The Son of Man hath de

46 *molto rit.* *a tempo*

scend-ed be-low all things. *p* Art thou great-er — than He? *p* So hold

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on thy way, For I shall be with thee. And mine an-gels shall en - cir-cle thee. Doubt not

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what thou know-est, Fear not man, for he *p* Can-not hurt thee. And with

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ev-er last ing kind ness will I suc cor thee, And with mer cy will I take thee 'neath my wings, For the

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mp

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mount ains shall de-part And the hills shall be re-moved And the val-leys shall be lost be-neath the

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65

sea, But know, my child, My kind ness shall not depart from thee! *mp* My

65

rit.
f

70 *a tempo* *rit.*

kind- ness shall not de-part *p* from thee! _____

70 *a tempo* *rit.*

mp *p*