

The Richard Leonard
Anthem Series

How Precious Is
Thy Steadfast Love

Psalm 36:7-9

S.A.T.B. Chorus *a capella*

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Moderato Quarter Note = 84

Richard Leonard, ca. 1973

mf -- *p*

S. How pre --- cious is ---- thy stead - fast love, --- O

A. How pre --- cious is ---- thy stead - fast love, --- O

T. How pre --- cious is ---- thy stead ---- fast love, --- O

B. How pre --- cious is ---- thy stead ---- fast love, --- O

Piano (for rehearsal only)

God! the chil - dren of men take re --- fuge --- in the

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1. | 2.

mf

shad - ow of thy wings. wings. They feast ----- on the a -

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The piano accompaniment features a 5/4 time signature for the first two measures, followed by a repeat sign, and then a 3/4 time signature for the final two measures. The melody is primarily in the right hand, with a supporting bass line in the left hand.

pp cresc.

bund ----- ance of thy house, and thou giv - est them drink from the

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The piano accompaniment continues with the same 5/4 and 3/4 time signatures. The second system introduces a 4/4 time signature for the final two measures. The dynamics are marked *pp cresc.* (pianissimo crescendo).

f

mf

riv ----- er of thy de - lights. For with thee is the
 riv ----- er of thy de - lights. For -- with thee is the
 riv ----- er of thy de - lights. For -- with thee is the

f

foun ----- tain of life; ----- in thy light ---- we see light. ---
 foun ----- tain of life; ----- in thy light ---- we see light. ---
 foun ----- tain of life; ----- in thy light ---- we see light. ---

p

rit.

How pre --- cious is --- thy stead - fast love, --- O God!

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The musical score consists of three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in soprano, alto, and tenor/bass clefs. The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The piece is in B-flat major and features a complex time signature change from 2/4 to 3/4 to 4/4. The tempo is marked *p* (piano) and *rit.* (ritardando). The lyrics are: "How pre --- cious is --- thy stead - fast love, --- O God!". The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and arpeggiated figures.