

WE ARE SINGING FOR THE LORD IS OUR LIGHT

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Zulu Text to "Siyahamba"
Free paraphrase of Zulu text in English and additional text by Hal H. Hopson
Verses based on Psalm 27:1-4
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PERFORMANCE SUGGESTIONS

1. A medium to small drum may play the following rhythm in measures 1 through 18:



2. Add other percussion instruments; improvise various rhythms.

3. This setting may be adapted to a variety of choir groups:

- S.A.T.B. choir throughout (except for the solo line in the verses).
- Combined choirs. Children's choir may sing the solo part in the verses.
- Congregation and choirs may sing the refrain.
- Various solo voices may sing the solo part on the refrain.

4. Adapt the voicings to available choirs:

- Unison throughout.
- S.A.
- Two-part mixed (S.A. sing alto part; T.-B. sing soprano part).
- S.A.T.B.

5. Sing the first refrain unaccompanied, and possibly repeat extra refrains.

6. Be creative in the use of both English and Zulu on the refrain.

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For Unison or S.A.T.B. Voices with Keyboard Accompaniment

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In a moderate tempo (♩ = ca. 92)

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Keyboard

We are
Zulu: See yah



REFRAIN (Congregation joins & repeats)
(May be sung in unison throughout)

div. (a tempo)

sing hahm ing, for the Lord is our light, we are
buh koo kah nigh nee kuen kohs. See yah



4

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. we are
hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kuen kohs. See yah



sing ing for the Lord is our light, we are
hahm bah koo kah nigh nee kuen kohs. See yah



10 (Cong. tacet)

sing - ing for the Lord is our light.
hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kuen kohs.



mf We are sing - ing,
 We are sing - ing, sing - ing, we are

f We are sing - ing,
 Lord is our light. We are sing - ing, sing - ing, we are
 Lord is our light.

Oh, we are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light,
 sing - ing, sing - ing, we are sing - ing, for the Lord is, for the
 sing - ing, sing - ing, we are sing - ing, for the Lord is, for the
 sing - ing, sing - ing, we are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light,

Oh, we are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. *Fine (last time)*
 sing - ing, sing - ing, we are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. *Fine (last time)*

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Solo, Ensemble, or Unison Section *mf* (20)
 1. The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
 2. One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek:
 3. When bur - dens are heav - y to bear, our shel - ter is God a - lone.
 4. We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ev - er sure.

Though foes may hear to de - stroy, the
 To dwell in the house of the Lord; to
 Our feet are lift ed high; yes,
 We shout that the world may hear, we

(25) *cresc.* *f* *rit.*
 Lord will be our light.
 live with God for - ev - er. We are
 high up on a rock. Zulu: See yah
 sing a re - ful song.