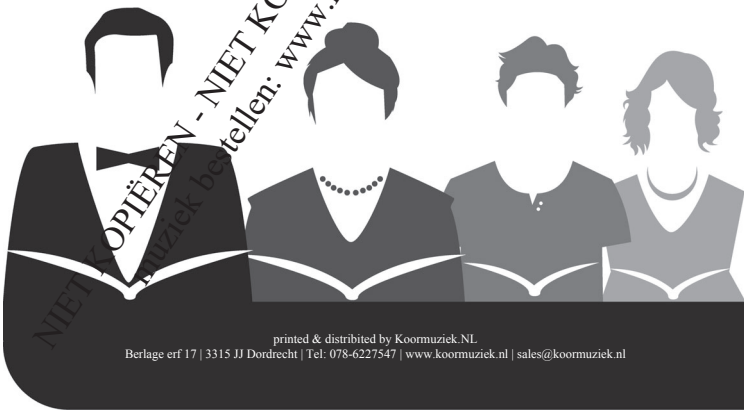


WE ARE SINGING FOR THE LORD IS OUR LIGHT

T&T "Siyahamba"
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PERFORMANCE SUGGESTIONS

1. A medium small drum may play the following rhythm (in measure 6) through 18:



2. Add other percussion instruments; improvise various rhythms.

3. This setting may be adapted to a variety of vocal groups:
-S.A.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 mixture (S.A. sing alto part; T.-B. sing soprano part).
-S.A.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.B. Voices and Keyboard Accompaniment*

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In a moderate tempo (♩ = ca. 92) *div. f*

Soprano
Alto

We are
Zulu: See yah

Baritone

Keyboard



REFRAIN (Congregation joins on repeats)
(May be sang in unison throughout)

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



5

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



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



(Cong. tacet)
10 *mf* We are sing-ing,
sing-ing, sing-ing, we are



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

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

Oh, we are 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

- The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
- One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek:
- When bur-dens are heav-y to bear, our shel-ter is God a-lone.
- We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is our shel-ter sure.

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

25 *cres.* *f* *rit.* repeat to S.A. REFRAIN

Lord will live high sing
our with our high sing
light. for - ev - er.
er. We are
Zulu: See yah

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CONGREGATIONAL PART

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REFRAIN

S.A. (S.A.B. or unison voices)

We are sing-ing, for the Lord is our light, we are
Zulu: See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen koks, See yah
Baritone

sing-ing, for the Lord is our light. We are sing-ing, for the
hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen koks. See yah hahm buh koo kah

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

REFRAIN (Choir only)

CHOIR

- We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
The Lord is the strength of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may near to destroy;
the Lord may be our light.

REFRAIN (Congregation joins)

CHOIR

- We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
One thing have we asked of the Lord,
yes, this is the thing we seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord,
to live with God forever.

REFRAIN (Congregation joins)

CHOIR

- We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
When burdens are heavy to bear,
our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high,
yes, high upon a rock.

REFRAIN (Congregation joins)

CHOIR

- We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We walk in the strength of the Lord,
God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear,
we sing a joyful song.

REFRAIN (Congregation joins)

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