

Winner of the Charles Wood Festival Composers' Competition, 2024
Dedicated to the memory of Ian Keatley (1982 - 2024), Founding Director of the Charles Wood Girls' Choir

O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

for SATB Choir and Organ

William Cowper
(1731 - 1800)

David McGregor
(1995 -)

Espressivo ♩ = 58 **rit.** **A tempo**

SOPRANOS
p dolce **mp** **pp**

O for a clo-ser, a clo - ser walk with God, — A

Espressivo ♩ = 58 **rit.** **A tempo**

p **mp** **p** **mp** **p**

Man. Ped.

6 **poco** **p** **mp**

calm, a calm and heav'n - ly frame;

pp **p** **mp**

Ped.

11 *f espress.*
 S. A light to shine u - pon the
 A. A light to shine
 T. A light to shine u - pon the
 B. *mf espress.* A light to shine, *f* a light
 Org. *f*

14 *mp* *molto rit.*
 S. road leads me to the
 A. That leads me to the
 T. road leads me to the
 B. That leads me to the
 Org. *mp* *pp*

16 **Poco più mosso** ♩ = 63

S. *pp* Lamb! *p dolce* Re - turn, *mp* re - turn, O ho - ly dove, O

A. *pp* Lamb! *p dolce* O hol - ly dove, *mp* re - turn, re -

T. *pp* Lamb!

B. *pp* Lamb!

Org. **Poco più mosso** ♩ = 63
p Man.

19

S. *p* ho - ly dove, re - turn, *pp agitato* I hate the

A. *p* turn, O dove, re - turn, *pp agitato* I hate the

T. *mp espress.* Sweet mes - sen - ger of rest; *p* *pp agitato* I hate the

B. *pp agitato* I hate the

Org. *mp* *pp* Ped.

22

S. *molto* *mf*
sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee, and

A. *molto* *mf*
sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee,

T. *molto* *mf*
sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee, and

B. *molto* *mf*
sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee,

Org. *mf*
Ped.

25

S. *fp* *mf* *molto rit.*
drove thee from thy breast.

A. *fp* *mf*
drove thee from thy breast.

T. *fp* *mf*
drove thee from thy breast.

B. *fp* *mf*
drove thee from thy breast.

Org. *f* *molto* *molto rit.*

Tempo primo

29 *p dolce* *mp* *p* *mp*

S. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my

A. My walk be close with God, my walk be

T. calm and serene my

B. my walk be

Tempo primo

Org. *p*

32 *p* *mp molto* *f*

S. frame; So pu - rer light shall mark the road

A. close with God, So pu - rer light shall mark the road

T. frame; That

B. close with God, That

Org. *molto* *f*

35 **Maestoso** ♩ = 54

S. *ff* That leads me to *mp*

A. *ff* That leads me to *mp*

T. *ff* leads me to *mp*

B. *ff* leads me to *mp*

Maestoso ♩ = 54

Org. *ff* *mp*

38 **rit.** **Meno mosso** ♩ = 50

S. *pp* the Lamb... **rit.**

A. *pp* the Lamb.

T. *pp* the Lamb.

B. *pp* the Lamb.

Meno mosso ♩ = 50

Org. **rit.** *pp* **rit.** *ppp*

Man.