

Messiah - 50. O death; 51. But thanks be to God

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Soprano

Alto
Andante (♩=80)
O death, O death, where, where is thy sting? O death, where is thy

Tenor
8 O grave, O

Bass

Upper Manual
p

Lower Manual

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sting? O grave, where is thy vic - to - ry? O grave! O death, O death, where,

8 grave, where, where is thy vic - to - ry? where is thy vic - to - ry? O death, where, where is thy

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where is thy sting? where, O grave, where is thy vic - to - ry? O death, where, where is thy

8 sting? where, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy vic - to - ry? O grave! O death, where,

The musical score for measures 8-11 consists of four staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a whole rest. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics. The third staff is a vocal line with lyrics. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with a bass clef, featuring a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

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sting? O grave, O grave, where is thy vic - to - ry? O grave, where is thy

8 where is thy sting? O grave, O grave, where is thy vic - to - ry? O grave, where is thy

The musical score for measures 12-15 consists of four staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a whole rest. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics. The third staff is a vocal line with lyrics. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with a bass clef, featuring a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

vic - to - ry? The sting of death is sin, the sting of death is sin, and

8 vic - to - ry? The sting of death is sin, and the

the strength of sin is the law, the sting of death is sin, the

the strength of sin is the law, the sting

8 strength of sin is the law, the sting of death is sin, the

of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

8 sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

f But thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, but thanks, but

f But thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, to God, thanks be to

8 *f* But thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks be to

f But thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks be to

thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry, the vic - to - ry thro'

God, thanks be to God, who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry thro'

8 God, thanks be to God, to God, who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry thro'

God, thanks be to God,

our Lord Je - sus Christ,

our Lord Je - sus Christ, who giv-eth us the

8 our Lord Je - sus Christ, who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry, who

who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry, the vic - to - ry thro'

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who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ,
 vic - to-ry, who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ, but thanks, but thanks, thanks
 8 giv - eth us, who giv-eth us the vic-to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ,
 our Lord Je - sus Christ, thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ,

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but thanks, but thanks, but thanks, but thanks,
 be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God,
 8 but thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, to God, thanks be to
 but thanks, but thanks, but

thanks be to God, thanks be to God, but
 but thanks, thanks be to God, to God, but thanks
 8 God, to God, but thanks be to God,
 thanks be to God, thanks be to God, but thanks, but thanks, thanks

thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks be to
 be to God,
 8 but thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, to
 be to God,
dim.
dim.

God, who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry, the
 who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry, who giv-eth us the
 8 God, who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry, who giv-eth us the
 who giv-eth us the

mf

vic - to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ, but thanks be to God, but thanks, but thanks, thanks
 vic - to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ, but thanks, thanks be to God, but thanks, but thanks,
 8 vic - to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ, but thanks be to God, but thanks, but thanks,
 vic - to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ, but thanks be to God, but thanks, but thanks,

mf

be to God, to God, who giv-eth us the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the
 thanks be to God, who giv - eth us the vic - to - ry, the
 8 thanks be to God, who giv-eth us the vic - to-ry, the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the
 thanks be to God, who giv-eth us the vic - to-ry, the vic - to-ry, who giv - eth us the

vic - to-ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ,
 vic - to-ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ, but thanks, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks,
 8 vic - to-ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks, thanks be to
 vic - to-ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ,

but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, who
 thanks be to God, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, to God,
 8 God, to God, but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks be to God,
 but thanks, thanks, thanks be to God, thanks be to God,

giv-eth us the vic - to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ, who
 who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry, who giv - eth us the vic - to - ry, who
 8 who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry, who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry, who giv-eth us, who
 who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry, who giv-eth us the vic - to - ry, who

giv - eth us the vic-to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ.

giv - eth us the vic-to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ.

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giv - eth us the vic-to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ.

giv - eth us the vic-to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ.

The musical score consists of four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The first three staves are for different vocal parts, each with the lyrics "giv - eth us the vic-to - ry thro' our Lord Je - sus Christ." The fourth staff is a bass line. The piano accompaniment is shown in a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The music is in a minor key and features a steady rhythmic accompaniment with some melodic lines in the vocal parts.