

"He Went by a Whirlwind to Heaven"

from ELIJAH

Adapted from II Kings 2:11

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The musical score is arranged for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is written in common time (C) and consists of 13 measures. The lyrics are: "And when the Lord would take him a way to heav - en, Lo! there came a fi - e-ry char - iot, with fi - e-ry, fi - e-ry hors - es. And he went by a whirl - wind to heav - en! There came a fi - e-ry char iot with fi - e-ry, fi - e-ry hors es, and he went by a whirl - wind to heav - en! And he". The score includes vocal lines for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass, with lyrics written below the vocal staves. Measure numbers 1 through 13 are indicated above the staves. The key signature changes from C major to B-flat major at measure 12.

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14 15 16 17

S went by a whirl-wind to heav - en! And he went by a whirl wind, he went by a whirl-wind. He

A He

T went by a whirl wind, he went by a whirl-wind. He

B And he went by a whirl - - - -

18 19 20 21

S went by a whirl - - - - wind to heav-en. He went, went by a whirl-wind to

A went by a whirl - wind to heav - en. He went by a whirl - wind to heav -

T went by a whirl - wind, went by a whirl - wind to heav en, by a whirl - wind to heav -

B went by a whirl - wind to heav - - - - - en.

22 23 24

S heav-en. He went by a whirl - wind to

A en. went by a whirl - wind to heav-en, went by a whirl - wind to

T en. by a whirl - wind to heav en, went by a whirl - wind to heav-en, by a whirl - wind to

B He went by a whirl - wind to heav-en, went by a whirl - wind to heav-en, by a whirl - wind to

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Unison

25 26 27 28

S
heav en, a whirl - wind, by a whirl - - wind went he to heav - en!

A
heav en, a whirl - wind, by a whirl - - wind went he to heav - en!

T
heav en, a whirl - wind, by a whirl - - wind went he to heav - en!

B
heav en, a whirl - wind, by a whirl - - wind went he to heav - en!

[excerpt from "Thanks Be to God" from ELIJAH*]

29 30 31 32 33 34

S
Thanks be to God, his mer - cy is ev - er sure! His mer - cy is sure! —

A
Thanks be to God, his mer - cy is ev - er sure! His mer - cy is sure! —

T
Thanks be to God, his mer - cy is ev - er sure! His mer - cy is sure!

B
Thanks be to God, his mer - cy is ev - er sure! His mer - cy is sure. —

35 36 37 38 39 40

S
Thanks be to God, his mer - cy is ev - - er sure!

A
Thanks be to God, his mer - cy is ev - - er sure!

T
Thanks be to God, his mer - cy is ev - - er sure!

B
Thanks be to God, his mer - cy is ev - - er sure!

* - Text altered for general use.