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Allegro moderato ♩ = 116-120

The musical score is written for SSA (Soprano, Soprano, Alto) voices and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Allegro moderato' with a metronome marking of ♩ = 116-120. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part includes dynamic markings such as 'mp' and 'p', and performance instructions like 'clear' and 'pedal a tempo'. The lyrics are: 'God gave a spe - cial gift to man As part of His glo - ri - ous gos - pel'. The score includes measure numbers 5 and 10.

mp *clear*

God gave a spe - cial

clear *pedal a tempo*

gift to man As part of His glo - ri - ous gos - pel

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15
plan. He gave us moth - ers here on earth To

20
nour - ish and strength - en us from our birth. _____

24
He knew we need - ed a moth - er's love To

28

make a home like the one a - bove. He

32

knew we need - ed a moth - er's care To

36

guide us safe - ly back to there. A

40 *poco piu mosso*

moth - er to teach us right from wrong, And

poco piu mosso

40 *poco piu mosso*

44 *cresc. poco a poco*

start the day with a joy - ous song. To

cresc. poco a poco

44 *cresc. poco a poco*

48 *poco meno mosso*

of - fer her hand when the way is steep. To

poco meno mosso

48 *poco meno mosso*

52 *simpatico* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

share our bur - dens through tri - als deep. To

simpatico *poco rit.* *a tempo*

52 *simpatico* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

56 *energico* *cresc. poco a poco*

help us stand un - a - fraid and tall,

energico *cresc. poco a poco*

56 *energico* *cresc. poco a poco*

60

Striv - ing to rise a - gain when we fall. To show through her

60

65 *poco rit.*
 life love for God and oth - ers,
poco rit.

68 *a tempo*
 Yes, this is why, Yes, this is why
a tempo

72
 God gave us moth - ers.

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Choral Music

Abide in My Love
America--Land Choice above All
 Other Lands
And I Saw Another Angel
Being Alive is Wonderful!
Ballad of the Dead Cat
Circles of Influence
Come What May
Courageous Pioneers
Daughters of Destiny
Farmington, My Farmington
Faith Precedes the Miracle
Fences
Frustration
Gifts of the Spirit
Handcart Pioneer Prayer
Heritage
His Kingdom on Earth Ever Grows
I Am the Resurrection
I Have a Mother So Dear to Me
I Like to Listen to the Prophet
I Love America
I'll Follow the Words of the
 Prophet
In a Gospel Centered Home
In Your Countenance
Joseph
Keep Me in Thy Way, O Lord
Let Freedom Ring
Let Me Do God's Work
Let Us Go unto the Temple
Let's Dance by the Firelight
Listen to Counsel (The Saga of
 Haun's Mill)
Look to the Future
Love Grows As We Serve One
 Another
Mother Is My Dearest Friend
Mother--Life of Love Unfeigned
My Father Guides Me
My Prayer
One Mind, One Heart
Psalm 67
Pray unto the Lord
Put on the Whole Armour of God
Salute to Our Utah Pioneers
Search the Scriptures
She's My Sister
The Gospel Makes Us One
The Time Is Short
There's Work to Be Done, But It's
 Lots of Fun
Trusted
Utah--What a Wonderful Place!
We're Best Friends
Work, Work, Work
Why God Gave Us Mothers
Who Was Mary?
You Don't Have to

Instrumental

Come, Come Ye Saints (arr. for
 Violin & Piano)
Meditation (Violin Solo with
 Piano Acc.)
Reubenesque (arr. for Violin &
 Piano)
Silent Night (arr. for 3 Violins)

Children's Music

Draw Near unto Me
I Like to Listen to the Prophet
I Love America
Let's Dance by the Firelight
Mother Is My Dearest Friend
My Father Guides Me
Shepherd Boy
We're Best Friends
You Don't Have to

Christmas Music

A Day, a Night, and a Day
A New, Bright Shining Star
Bells Ring in the Joyous Season
Christmas Is a Time for Giving
Christmas Star
Christmas White
It's Great to Be with Family at
 Christmastime
God's Gift of His Son
Mary's Love (Vocal Solo)
No Room at the Inn
Samuel the Lamanite Foretells
 Christ's Birth (Christmas
 Cantata)
Sing We Now at Christmastime
Shepherd Boy
Shepherds Abiding on a Desert Hill
The Reason for Christmas
The Sign Has Been Given
There's Nothing Like Christmas
'Twas the Lambing Season
What Would He Find?
Who Was Mary?

Arrangements

Abide with Me, 'Tis Eventide
All Creatures of Our God and King
America the Beautiful
As Now We Take the Sacrament
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Carry Forth the Banner
Come, Come Ye Saints
Come Follow Me
Come, Oh Come Emanuel
El Condor Pasa
Families Can Be Together Forever

From Homes of Saints Glad Songs
 Arise
Have Courage, My Boy, to Say No
I Am a Mormon Boy
I Believe in Christ
Let Us All Press On
Now Thank We All Our God
Oh, How Lovely Was the Morning
Oh My Father
One in Christ
Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire
Press Forward, Saints
Reubenesque (Violin Solo)
School Thy Feelings, Oh My
 Brother
Silent Night
Sweet Is the Peace the Gospel
 Brings
Tapping at the Garden Gate
Testimony
The Lord My Pasture Will Prepare
The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers
The Quilting Party
The Spirit of God
Write Your History

Vocal Solos

Being Alive Is Wonderful!
Don't Say Goodby
Farmington, My Farmington
Frustration
I Could Have Loved You
I Want You Here
I'll Love You Forever
In Your Countenance
Let Freedom Ring
Mary's Love
One Mind, One Heart
The Love We Share
Work, Work, Work

Piano Solos

My Dog Spot
Pocahontas
Three Preludes for Piano
 Beginnings
 Life Stream
 Finality