

Four Blake Songs

2. THE LITTLE BLACK BOY

Mixed choir

Text: William Blake (1757-1827)

Huub de Lange (*1955)

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My mo-ther bore me in the sou-thern wild, — And I am

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bore me in the sou-thern wild, — And I am

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My mo-ther bore me in the sou-thern wild, — And I am

B
(mm...)

3
black, but oh! my soul is white. White as an

black, but oh! my soul is white. White as an

black, but oh! my soul is white. White as an

6

an - gel is the Eng - lish child, But I am black as if be - reaved of

an - gel is the Eng - lish child, But I am black as if be - reaved of

an - gel is the Eng - lish child, But I am black as if be - reaved of

9

light. (mm... be - reaved of light. My mo - ther

light. (mm... be - reaved of light. My mo - ther

light. (mm...) be - reaved of light. My mo - ther

My mo - ther

12

taught me un - der - neath a tree, And, sit - ting down be - fore the heat of

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taught me un - der - neath a tree, And, sit - ting down be - fore the heat of

15

day, She took me on her lap and kissed

day, She took me on her lap and kissed

day, She took me on her lap and kissed

18

me, And poin-ting to the east be - gan to say:

me, And poin-ting to the east be - gan to say:

me, And poin-ting to the east be - gan to say:

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(mm... ..) be - gan to say: "Look on the

(mm... ..) be - gan to say: "Look on the

(mm...) be - gan to say:

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ri-sing sun, there God does live And

ri-sing sun,

8 "Look on the ri-sing sun,

"Look on the ri-singsun,

28

gives his light, and gives his heat a-way; And flo-wers and

light, heat a-way, And flo-wers and

8 And flo-wers and

32

trees and beasts and men re-ceive

trees and beasts and men re-ceive

8 trees and beasts and men re-ceive

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Com - fort in mor - ning, joy in the noon - day. And
 Com - fort in mor - ning, joy in the noon - day.
 Com - fort in mor - ning,
 Com - fort in mor - ning,

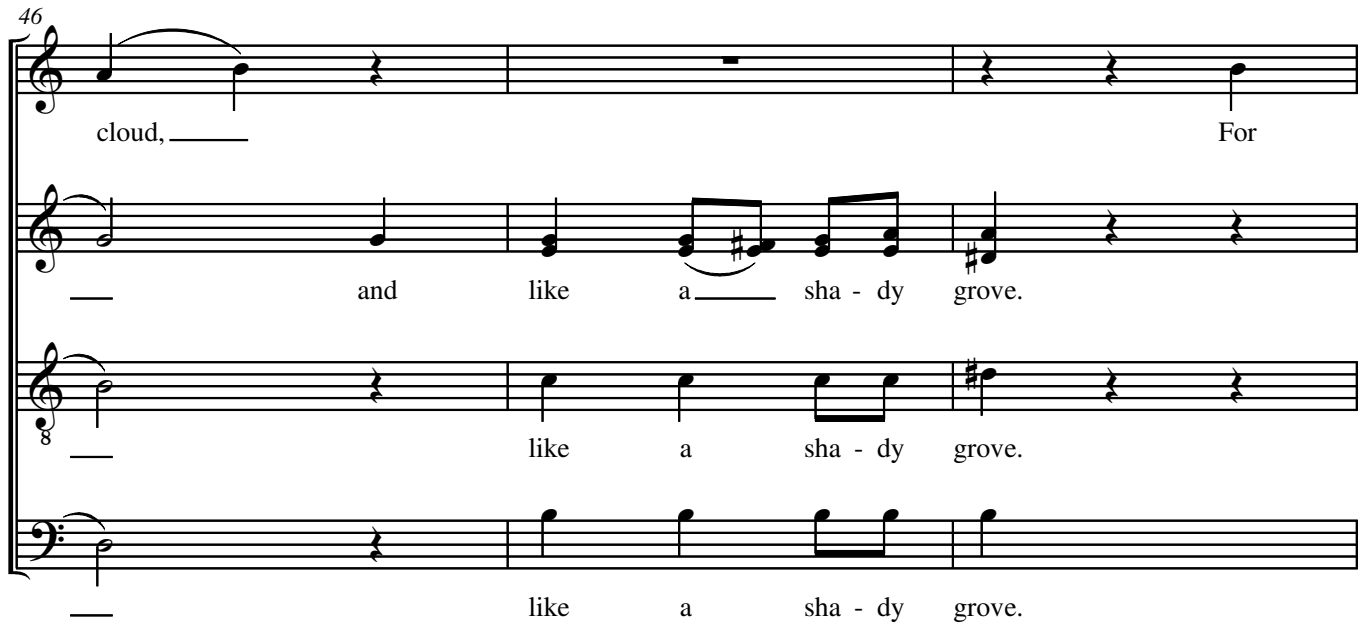
40

we are put on earth a litt - le space That we may learn to bear the beams of
 (mm...
 (mm...
 (mm...

43

love; And these black bo - dies and this sun - burnt face is but a
 (mm...
 (mm...
 (mm...

46



cloud, _____ For _____

_____ and like a _____ sha - dy grove.

_____ like a sha - dy grove.

_____ like a sha - dy grove.

49

when our souls have learned the heat to bear the cloud will va - nish, we shall hear his

(mm... _____)

when our souls have learned the heat to bear the cloud will va - nish, we shall hear his

(mm... _____)

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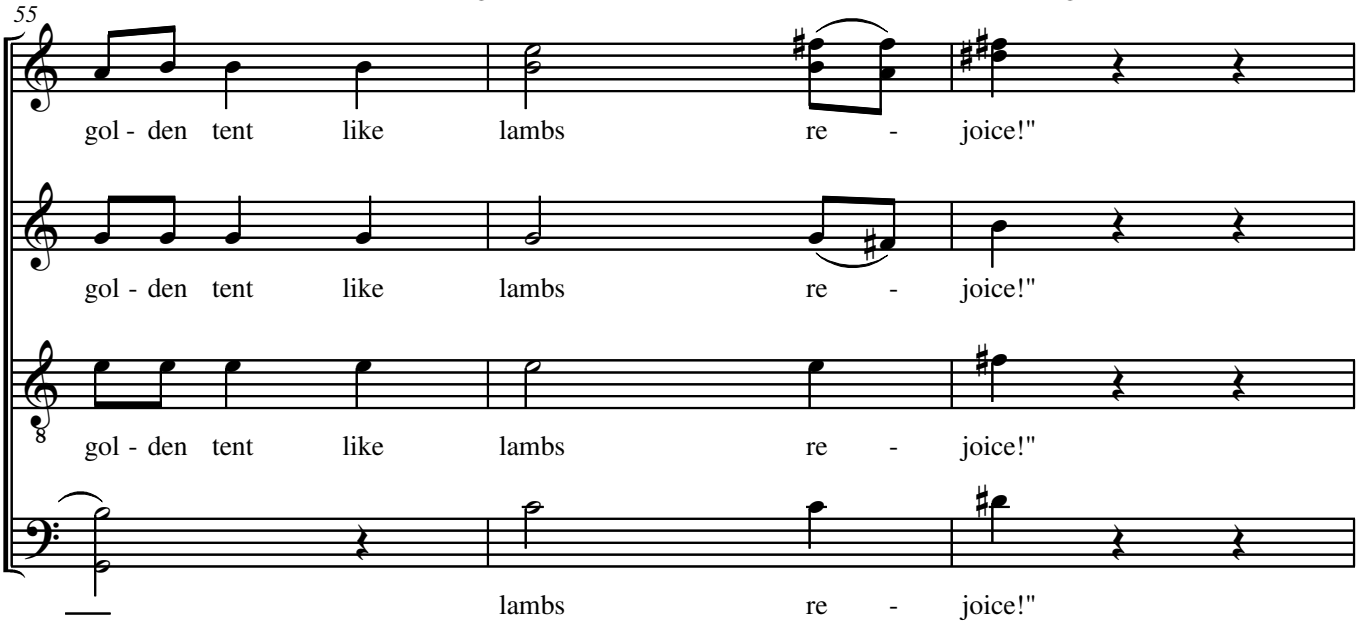
voice Say - ing: 'Come out from the grove, my love and care, And round my

(mm... _____)

voice 'Come out from the grove, my love and care, And round my

(mm... _____)

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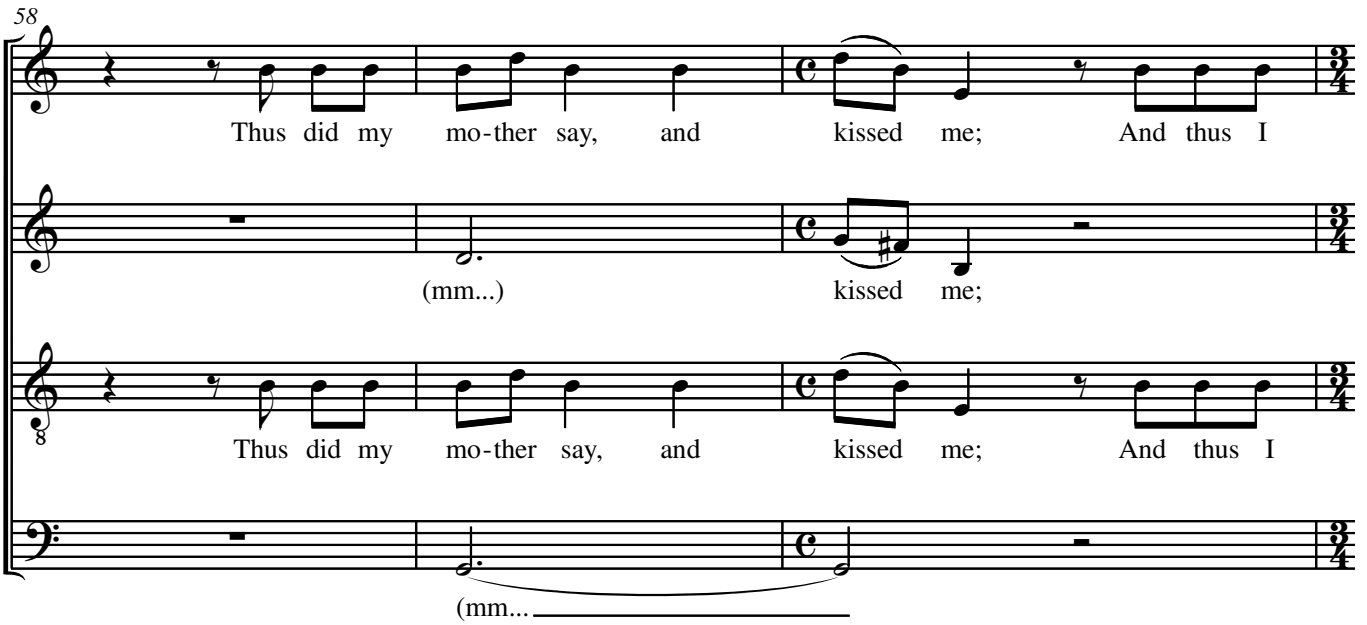
gol - den tent like lambs re - joice!"

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lambs re - joice!"

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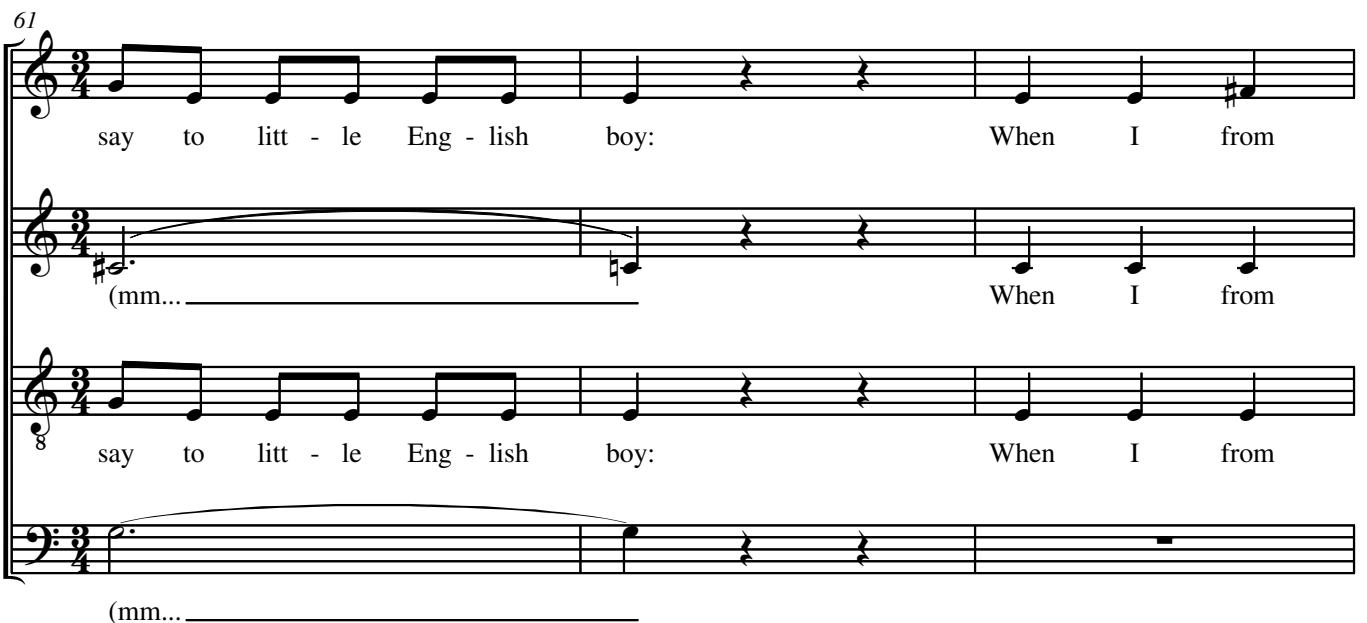
Thus did my mo-ther say, and kissed me; And thus I

(mm...) kissed me;

Thus did my mo-ther say, and kissed me; And thus I

(mm...)

61



say to litt - le Eng - lish boy: When I from

(mm...) When I from

say to litt - le Eng - lish boy: When I from

(mm...)

64

black and he from white cloud free, And round the tent of God like lambs we

black and he from white cloud free, And round the tent of God like lambs we

black and he from white cloud free, And round the tent of God like lambs we

67

joy, (mm... ...) like lambs we joy,

joy, (mm...) like lambs we joy,

joy, (mm...) like lambs we joy, I'll shade him

70

from the heat till he can bear to lean in joy up - on our Fa - ther's

(mm...)

73

And then I'll stand and stroke his sil - ver hair,

(mm...)

8 knee; (mm...)

(mm...)

76

And be like him, and he will then loves

him,

him,

him,

80

me. (mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

84

rit.

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)