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*Before Thy
Throne We
Kneel*

SATB, organ



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Commissioned by Dr. Hannelore A. Brucker in loving
memory of her husband Dr. Heinrich K. Brucker.

Craig Carnahan (1951)

Sustained and expressive ♩ = 80

The musical score is for a SATB choir and organ. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Sustained and expressive' with a quarter note equal to 80 beats per minute. The dynamics are marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The lyrics are: 'Be - fore thy throne, O'. The organ part consists of two staves, with the right hand playing chords and the left hand playing a more melodic line.

S
A
T
B
Org.

mf
Be - fore thy throne, O

mf
Be - fore thy throne, O

mf
Be - fore thy throne, O

mf
Be - fore thy throne, O

mf

c. 5 minutes

Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825)
Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt.

8

S
God, we kneel: give us a con - science quick to feel, an

A
God, we kneel: give us a con - science quick to feel, an

T
God, we kneel: give us a con - science quick to feel, an

B
God, we kneel: give us a con - science quick to feel, an

Org.

15

S
o - pen mind to un - der - stand the mean - ing of thy chas - t'ning

A
o - pen mind to un - der - stand the mean - ing of thy chas - t'ning

T
o - pen mind to un - der - stand the mean - ing of thy chas - t'ning

B
o - pen mind to un - der - stand the mean - ing of thy chas - t'ning

Org.

22

S hand; what - e'er the pain and shame may be, —

A hand; e'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O

T hand; e'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther,

B hand; e'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther,

Org.

29

S bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee. —

A Fa - ther, Fa - ther, bring us near - er thee. Search

T — O Fa - ther, near - er thee. Search

B — O Fa - ther, near - er thee. Search

Org.

51

S heart grow cold, wean us, guide us, with thy rod; teach us to know our

A heart — grow cold, wean us, guide us, with thy rod; teach us to know our

T heart grow cold, wean us, guide us, with thy rod; teach us to know our

B heart — grow cold, wean us, guide us, with thy rod; teach us to know our

Org.

f *mf*

59

S faults, O God. For sins of self - ish word — and deed, for

A faults, O God. For sins of self - ish word and deed, for

T faults, O God. For sins of self - ish word and deed, for

B faults, O God. For sins of self - ish word and deed, for

Org.

Slightly faster

124 *mf* *mp*

S more true, a new - born peo - ple more no - bly

A more true, a new - born peo - ple more no - bly

T more true, a new - born peo - ple more no - bly

B more true, a new - born peo - ple more no - bly

Org. *mp*

131 *ritard to end*

S wise. _____

A wise. _____

T wise. _____

B wise. _____

Org. *p* *pp*