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Richard Shephard

The Burning Bush

for mixed voices and organ

The Burning Bush

Bright kindling of the dried and brittle growth,
Ignited by the keen rays of your will
Into a flame of diffident response:
'Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.'

Here in a tackless waste of self and sense,
Clear shining as a reference point of light
Releasing precious words, self-offering:
'Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.'

Let this pure flame, sourced from your fire divine,
Be fit response to what you will for me,
Lighting awareness that I tread on holy ground:
'Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.'

Robert Willis

The Burning Bush

Words: Robert Willis

Music: RICHARD SHEPHARD

Slow ♩ = 80

SOPRANO ALTO

TENOR BASS

ORGAN

Slow ♩ = 80

mp Solo

p Celestes

Man.

5 SOPRANO *mf*

Bright kind-ling_ of the dried and britt - le growth,

3

9 TENOR *mf*

Ig - nit - ed by the keen rays of your

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In - to a flame of dif - fi - dent re - sponse:

12

S
A

will In - to a flame,

T
B

mf

sf

Ped.

17

mf

'Fi - at mi - hi se - cun - dum verb - - - um

'Fi - - at mi - hi se - - - cun - dum verb - um

mf

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21

mp

tu - - um.'

f

Here

mp

f

poco piu mosso

poco piu mosso

Man.

25

in a track - less waste of self and sense, Clear
 Here in a track - less waste of self and sense, Clear

f

28

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poco meno mosso
Re - leas - ing
mf

shin - ing as a ref - 'rence point of light
 shin - ing as a ref - 'rence point of light Re - leas -

mf
poco meno mosso

Ped.

32

tempo 1
pre - cious words, self - off - er - ing:

ing *sf* words,

tempo 1

36 *mf*

'Fi - at mi - hi se - cun - dum verb - - - um -
 'Fi - - at mi - hi se - - - cun - dum verb - um

mf

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40 *mp*

tu - um.'

mp

mp

Man.

45 **SOPRANO** *mf*

Let this pure flame, sourced

Solo

50

S
A

T
B

— from your fire di - vine, Be fit res - ponse, be fit res -

53

- ponse to what you will for me, Light - ing a -

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f

56

ware- ness_ that I tread on ho - ly ground:

60 *mp*

'Fi - at mi - hi se - cun - dum verb - - - um
'Fi - - at mi - hi se - - - cun - dum verb - um

mp

64 *pp*

tu - - um, se - cun - dum verb - - - - - um

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68 *mp* *rit. al fine*

tu - um. ' _____

mp *Solo* *rit. al fine* *poco sf*

p Celestes *pp* Sw. *Ped.*

Man.