

God Bless the Young Folk

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Mezzo-Soprano

$\text{♩} = 92$

mf

God bless the young folk, they that

Piano

mf

mp

Mezzo

4

seek and sel-dom find and yet cease-less-ly — do seek — some Tru-er, Bet-ter Thing. These are

Pno.

Mezzo

7

they, O Lord, who o - pen up the hid-den ways. For the ways of the young are wide,

Pno.

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Mezzo

10

And their souls hun - ger af - ter God.

Pno.

mf

Bar.

13

mf

God bless the young folk, they that seek and sel-dom find And yet

Pno.

mp

Bar.

16

cease - less - ly — do seek — some Tru - er, Bet - ter Thing. These are they, O Lord, who o - pen

Pno.

19

Bar. *up the hid-den ways, For the ways of the young are wide, And their*

Pno.

22

Bar. *souls hun - ger af - ter God. If you*

Pno.

25

Bar. *do not lift them up, they will pull you down.*

Pno.

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28 *p*

Mezzo

Bar.

If you do not lift them up, they will pull — you down.

Pno.

p *f subito* (*pp*)

31 (optional audience sing-along)

Mezzo

Bar.

If you do not lift them up, they will

If you do not lift them up, they will

Pno.

p sim.

34

Mezzo

Bar.

pull — you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull — you down. If you

pull — you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull — you down. If you

Pno.

37

Mezzo
do not lift them up, they will pull — you down. If you do not lift them up, they will

Bar.
do not lift them up, they will pull — you down. If you do not lift them up, they will

Pno.

mp

40

Mezzo
pull — you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull — you down. If you

Bar.
pull — you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you

Pno.

mp

43

Mezzo
do not lift them up, they will pull — you down. There must be teach - ers, _____ and

Bar.
do not lift them up, they will pull you down. If you do not lift them up, they will

Pno.

mf

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46

Mezzo

Bar.

Pno.

teach - ers of teach - ers, yes, teach - ers, and teach - ers of teach - ers, yes,

pull you down. If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down. There must be

mf

49

Mezzo

Bar.

Pno.

teach - ers, and teach - ers of teach - ers, yes, teach - ers, and

teach - ers, and teach - ers of teach - ers, yes, teach - ers, and

cresc.

52

Mezzo

Bar.

Pno.

teach - ers of teach - ers, yes, teach - ers, teach - ers, teach - ers,

teach - ers of teach - ers, yes, teach - ers, teach - ers, teach - ers,

f

55 *fp* *cresc.* *ff*

Mezzo
ah, ah.

Bar.
ah, ah.

Pno. *fp* *cresc.* *ff*

58 *meno mosso* *f*

Mezzo
God bless the young folk, they that seek and sel-dom find And yet

Bar.
God bless the young folk, they that seek and sel-dom find And yet

Pno. *meno mosso* *f*

61

Mezzo
cease - less - ly do seek some Tru - er, Bet - ter Thing. These are they, O Lord, who o - pen

Bar.
cease - less - ly do seek some Tru - er, Bet - ter Thing. These are they, O Lord, who o - pen

Pno.

64

Mezzo
up the hid - den ways, For the ways of the young are wide,

Bar.
up the hid - den ways, For the ways of the young are wide,

Pno.

67

Mezzo
mf *freely* (optional improv.) (optional improv.) *f* *a tempo*
And their souls hun - ger af - ter, their

Bar.
mf (optional improv.) (optional improv.) *f*
And their souls hun - ger af - ter, their

Pno.
mf *freely* (optional improv.) (optional improv.) *f* *a tempo*

71

Mezzo
cresc. *ff*
souls hun - ger af - ter God.

Bar.
cresc. *ff*
souls hun - ger af - ter God.

Pno.
cresc. *ff*