

# The Soil

Commissioned by The BTS Center for Convocation 2021: "We Are God's Soil"

Calm ♩ = 144

Music & Lyrics by Pax Ressler

Piano

*mp*

8<sup>va</sup>

Pno.

*mf*

12

The so - il holds — the past It shows us where we've been

12

Pno.

*mp*

20

The soil un - folds our — hi - sto - ry — and knows where we — be - gin

20

Pno.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 3/4 time, featuring a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a tempo marking of 'Calm ♩ = 144'. The piano part consists of a series of triplet eighth notes in the right hand and rests in the left hand, marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The first system ends with a fermata and a repeat sign. The second system continues the triplet pattern, with an 8va marking above the treble staff. The piano part then transitions to a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic, featuring a more complex accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands. The voice part enters in the third system, with the lyrics 'The so - il holds — the past It shows us where we've been'. The piano accompaniment continues with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The fourth system features the lyrics 'The soil un - folds our — hi - sto - ry — and knows where we — be - gin'. The piano accompaniment continues with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, fermatas, repeat signs, and dynamic markings.

**Con Moto** ♩ = 156

28

The so - il nur tures life It grows all that we need

Pno.

36

The soil un - furls — a mys - te - ry and grows a sa - cred seed

Pno.

44

God let it grow in me Send down your rain and light

Pno.

52

And with your help we'll be — the soil to bring — the world to

Pno.

59

life

Pno.

66

Bring us to life

Pno.

74

The soil knows what will come It's known\_\_\_ it all\_\_\_ a-long

Pno.

82

The soil can hear\_\_\_ the dis - tant hum of res - tor - a - tion's song

Pno.

90

The soil con - tains our hope It push - es out green shoots

Pno.

98

The soil pro - claims — the an - ti - dote is grow - ing deep - er roots

Pno.

106

God let it grow in me Send down your rain and light

Pno.

114

And with your help we'll be — the soil to bring — the world to life God

Pno.

123 2.

life

Pno. *f*

123

130 3x

Bring us to life

Pno.

130

*rit.*

138 *mp*

Pno.

138