

Dedicated with thanks to Peter Sykes and the Choir of First Church in Cambridge

Sparrow, sparrow of the evening

*Sparrow, sparrow of the evening, not forgotten, held within God's hands.
Lily, lily of the field, beauty spun within the mind of God.
Cherished bird and flower, so cherished also we, beloved of God.*

Text and Music by Patricia Van Ness
(from *Three Maine Hymns*)

♩ = 75-80

mp *sempre molto legato, dolce*

Soprano
Spar - row, spar - row of the even - ing, not for - got - ten, held with - in

Alto
mp
Spar - row, even - ning, not for - got - ten, in

Tenor
mp
Spar - row, spar - row of the even - ing, not for - got - ten, in

Bass
mp
Spar - row, spar - row of the even - ing, not for - got - ten, in

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A *mp*
God's hands. Li - ly li - ly of the field, beau - ty

mp
God's hands. Li - ly, li - ly of the field, beau - ty

mp
God's hands. Li - ly, li - ly, beau - ty

mp
God's hands. Li - ly, li - ly, beau - ty

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B *mp*

spun with - in, _____ the mind of God. _____ Lu lu lu lu lu lu

spun, _____ with - in mind _____ God. _____ Lu lu lu _____ lu lu

spun, _____ with - in mind _____ God. _____ Lu lu _____ lu

spun _____ the mind of God. _____ Lu _____ lu _____

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mp
ah _____

lu lu lu lu lu lu _____ lu lu lu _____ lu lu _____

lu _____ lu lu lu lu _____ lu lu _____ lu _____

lu _____ lu lu lu lu lu lu _____ lu _____

_____ lu _____ lu _____ lu _____ lu _____



(soprano top notes at director's discretion)

40 (ah)

mp Cher - ished bird and flow - er, so cher - ished al - so we, be - lov -

mp Cher - ished bird and flow - er, so cher - ished al - so we, be - lov -

mp Cher - ished bird, flow - er, cher - ished we _____ be -

mp Cher - ished bird, flow - er, cher - ished we _____ be -

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rit. ed of God, be - lov - ed of God, God.

p ed of God, be - lov'd, be - lov'd, God.

p lov'd, God, be - lov'd, be - lov'd, God.

p lov'd God, be - lov - ed of God.