

God Only Knows

Arranged for Bryan White and the Leeds University Liturgical Choir

♩ = 120 [Swing rhythm]

relaxed/light

Composed by Brian Wilson
Arr. by Vicky Burrett (2008)

mp

Soprano

Ba
Do do do do do do do do do do

mf

Alto

wee oo mmm wee

mp

Tenor

Ba ba ba ba ba ba ba ba ba
Do do do do do do do do do

mf

Bass

Badum ba dum dum do dum dum do



A Light

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S. *f* sub. *p*

A. (Div.) sub. *p* *p*

T. *f* (unis.) *mp*

B. *f* sub. *p* *p*

do do do ba do do_ Do do

oo do ba do do_ Do do

do do do do do

I may not al-ways love you__ but long as there are

dum dum do ba do do_ Dum dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, dum, ba

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S. (mp) *poco cresc.* *3*
 do
 I'll make you so sure about it,
 (unis.)

A. (unis.) *3* (Div.) *(p) poco cresc.*
 do do do do do
 you ne-ver need to doubt it Do do do do do do
 (slide ↘)

T. *p* *poco cresc.*
 stars a-bove you, Do
 8

B. *poco cresc.*
 dum dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, da
 (slide ↘)



B

note move to 'quartet stave' →

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S. *p*
 do
 God on-ly knows what I'd be with-out you

A. *mf* *p*
 do
 God on-ly knows what I'd be with-out you

T. *mf* *p* *f*
 do God on-ly knows what I'd be with-out you do do do
 8

B. *mf* *p*
 dum dum ba dum dum, ba dum dum, ba do do do Ba

C

3

21 All sing on "Oo"

S.A. 1/2 voice(s) from each section

T.B.

S. mp

A. sub. mp

T. (unis.) mf

B. p

Do
Do do do do do do do do do do do do do do
If you should e-ver leave me_ though life would still go_ on be-lieve me_

Dum dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, ba



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S.A. [oo - wah]

T.B.

S. (mp) poco cresc.

A. (unis.) mp (Div.) (p) poco cresc.

T. poco cresc.

B. p

do do do do do do do So what good would li - ving do me_

do The world could show no - thing to me_ Do do do do do do do

Dum dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, da (slide)

['Quartet' return to original parts]

Straight Quavers

D *mf*

God on - ly knows__ what I'd be, wee - oo_____

E *pp* *2nds*

Ba ba__ ba-

A. *mf*

God on - ly knows__ what I'd be with- out____ you - - do. *2nds*

Ba ba__ ba

T. *mf*

do God on - ly knows__ what I'd be with-out____ you. - - do.

B. *mf*

dum dum ba dum, ba dum dum, ba dum, ba dum, ba do. Ba ba__ ba

**Swing Quavers**

S. *sub. p* *mp* *(unis.)*

dum, ba da ba ba ba dum, Ba ba__ ba dum ba da ba ba ba Do do do

A. *sub. p(unis.)* *mp* *(div.)* Do do do do

dum, ba - dum, Ba ba__ ba dum ba Ooh -

T. *mp* *(div.)*

Ba ba__ ba dum[ba ba] da ba ba ba Do do do do

B. *sub. p(unis.)*

dum ba ba ba da ba ba ba dum, Ba ba__ ba dum, ba da ba ba ba dum, ba dum, ba

37 (div.)

S. do do

A. do do do Wah ooh — Do - wah, - ✓ ba da ba
oo — Do da do da do da doo - - -

T. (unis.) do do do do do do do do, Ba dum dum

B. dum, ba dum, ba dum dum dum dum dum, Ba ba da ba da ba

note move to S.A. 'quartet stave' →

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S. do do

A. da ba ba da ba ba da ba da, ✓ ba da ba da ba doo - wah!
Do do

T. dum, ba dum dum

B. da ba da ba, ba ba da ba ba da ba da, ba ba da ba doo - wah!

sing on "Oo"

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S.A. *mp*

S. *p.*

Do do

A. *mp*

(seemless change to next bar...)

T. *p* (div.)

B. *p*

Dum, ba dum, ba dum, ba dum, ba dum, ba dum, ba

G

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All sing on "Oo"

S.A. *mf*

T.B.

S. *mp*

Do do

A. *mp*

Do do

T. (unis.) *mf*

If you should e-ver leave me— though life would still go— on be-lieve me—

B. *mp*

dum dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, ba

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S.A. *fp* *f*
[oo - wah]

T.B.

S. *(mp) poco cresc.*
(unis.) So what good would li - ving do_ me,_

A. *(unis.) mp*
(Div.) (p) poco cresc.
do The world could show no - thing to me_ Do do do do do do

T. *poco cresc.*
Do do

B. *poco cresc.*
dum dum,_ ba dum dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, da (slide)



['Quartet' return to original parts]

55

S. *mf* God on - ly knows_ what I'd be, wee - oo

A. *mf* God on - ly knows_ what I'd be with- out_ you

T. *mf* God on - ly knows_ what I'd be with-out_ you

B. *mf* dum dum ba dum, ba dum dum, ba dum dum, dum

H

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S.

A.

T.

B.

pp (grow slightly)

Ooh

pp (grow slightly)

Ooh ✓

p

Ooh

pp (grow slightly)

✓

Ooh

mp (very smoothly)

God on-ly knows what I'd be with- out you

mp (very smoothly)

God on-ly knows what I'd be with out

Sub. p

Dum, dum ba dum, dum ba dum, dum ba dum, dum ba

63 *mp*

S.

A.

T.

B.

mf

mp

What would I be with - out you?

✓

God on - ly

— God on - ly knows__ what I'd be with- out__ you_____ Ooh_____

✓

mf

God on - ly

mf cresc.

8 And God on - ly knows__ what I'd be with- out__ you_____

mf cresc.

8 — you_____ And God on-ly knows__ what I'd be with out

p

f

'Mmm'

Ba

mp

mf

Dum, dum__ ba dum, dum ba dum, dum ba dum, dum Ooh__

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S.

knows, Ooh wee - ooh What

A.

wee - ooh

knows, Ooh wee - ooh

T.

f
And God on - ly knows what I'd be with out you

you And God on - ly knows what I'd be with out

B.

dum dum ba dum, dum ba dum, dum ba dum, dum ba

Ba dum ba f

I

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S.

(stagger breathing...)

would I be with - out you

Dum-dum ba dum da dum dum ba dum ba dum, Dum dum ba dum da dum dum ba dum ba dum

A.

Dum-dum ba dum da dum dum ba dum ba dum, Dum dum ba dum da dum dum ba dum ba dum

T.

— And God on-ly knows what I'd be with out you

— And God on-ly knows what I'd be with out

B.

dum, dum ba dum, dum ba dum dum ba dum dum ba

dum, dum ba dum, dum ba dum dum ba dum dum ba

75 (stagger breathing...)

S.

A.

T.

B.

J

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S.

A.

2x voices only
Sub. p

Ooh _____ ooh _____
 Ooh _____ ooh _____

2x voices only

p

God on - ly knows what I'd be with- out you.

T.

B.

2x voices only
Sub. p

dum, dum ba dum, dum dum ba dum, dum ba

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S.

A.

T.

B.

pp **poco rit.**

Solo Voice

God on - ly knows what_ I'd be with- out_ you.

pp

Solo Voice

dum, dum_ 'Mmm'