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SATB choir, *a cappella*

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in memory of David Skinner

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SATB

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S. *mp*
Walk

A. *p*
Soft - ly, walk soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly,

T. *p*
Soft - ly, walk soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly,

B. *p*
Soft - ly, walk soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly,

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soft - ly up-on the earth, walk soft - ly up-on the earth. May its
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly. May its
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly. May
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly. May

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beau - ty for - ev - er sur - round you, its won - ders for - ev - er as -
beau - ty sur - round you, its won - ders for - ev - er as -
beau - ty ev - er sur - round you, its won - ders all as -
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The musical score is arranged for four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers measures 12 to 14, and the second system covers measures 15 to 17. The lyrics are: "tound you, may its wis-dom de-light you, its mus-ic in-vite you to dance and to play and to sing. May you vite you to sing, to sing. May you". The piano accompaniment features triplet patterns in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *cresc.* and *mp*. A large watermark "for review only" is overlaid diagonally across the score.

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love and be loved by all that you meet. May you
love and be loved by all you meet. May you
love and be loved by all you meet. May you
you be loved by all you meet. May you

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know and prac - tice com - pas - sion. Re -
know and prac - tice com - pas - sion, com - pas - sion. Re -
know and prac - tice com - pas - sion, com - pas - sion. Re -
know and prac - tice com - pas - sion, com - pas - sion. Re -

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Slightly more animated

joyce in the earth and in all of cre - a - tion.
joyce in the earth and in all of cre - a - tion.
joyce in the earth and in all of cre - a - tion.
joyce in the earth and in all of cre - a - tion.

f Re - joice in life, *rit.* re - joice in life. *mp* Walk
f Re - joice in life, *mf* re - joice in life. *mp* Walk
f Re - joice in life, *mf* re - joice in life. *mp* Walk
f Re - joice in life, *mf* re - joice in life. *mp* Walk

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32 *As at first*

soft - ly up-on the earth, walk soft - ly up-on the earth, walk
soft - ly up-on the earth, walk soft - ly up-on the earth, walk
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk

36 *rit. e dim.*

soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly.
soft - ly, walk soft - ly, walk soft - ly.
soft - ly, soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly.
soft - ly, soft - ly, soft - ly, walk soft - ly.

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Walk softly upon the earth.
May its beauty forever surround you,
its wonders forever astound you,
may its wisdom delight you,
its music invite you
to dance and to play and to sing.
May you love and be loved by all that you meet.
May you know and practice compassion.
Rejoice in the earth and all of creation.
Rejoice in life.
Walk softly upon the earth.

–Alfred V. Fedak

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