

A VESSEL OF LIGHT

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Solo for Mezzo Soprano with Piano

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SOPRANO 1

Simply ♩ = 55

PIANO

mp

4

rit. *mp*

When my lamp burns low and faith is dim, when the

rit.

7

once stead-y glow is un-cer-tain, I know I must at-tend my fail-ing store: to

10

trim my lamp and fill its lack, I come be - fore the Lord. Fill my

cresc.

13 *a little faster*
mf ♩ = 66

lamp I pray with Thy pre-cious oil; when shad - ows dis - may, Lord,

a little faster
mf

16 *no breath*

light up my soul. Through the night may I a - bide a

19

ves - sel of Thy light. Fill my lamp each day and

22

with de - light, I will walk in Thy path with Thy per - fect light; oh,

25

dim. rit. *mp*

Lord, fill my lamp to - day, I pray.

dim. rit. *mp*

28

a tempo

Now my lamp is full; its flame is pure. Not a

a tempo

31

flick-er of doubt can en-dure. Yet as I hur - ry through this dark'-ning world, how

34

cresc. *a little faster*

quick-ly burns my re - ser-voir! And I re - turn to the Lord. Fill my

cresc. *a little faster*

37 *mf* ♩ = 66

lamp I pray with Thy pre-cious oil; when shad - ows dis - may, Lord,

40 *mp*

light up my soul. Oh, fill, fill my lamp to - day. In Geth

43 *Slower, with expression* *cresc.*

se - ma - ne where the o - lives grow, with the weight of our sins a heav - y stone, crushed and bro - ken, Je - sus tread that

Slower, with expression *cresc.*

46 *Broaden* *f* *no breath* *mf* *cresc.*

aw - ful press a - lone that my ves - sel might be full and whole, ev - er

Broaden *f* *mf* *cresc.*

49 *f*

brim - ming with oil, brim - ming with

52 *mf* *a little faster* $\text{♩} = 66$

oil. Fill my lamp I pray with Thy pre-cious oil; when

a little faster *mf*

8^{vb}

55

shad - ows dis - may, Lord, light up my soul; Through the night may

58 *no breath* *dim.* *mp*

I a - bide a ves - sel of Thy light. Oh,

dim.

61 *Slower*

Lord, fill my lamp to - day.

Slower mp

64 *espress. cresc.*

Fill my lamp, Lord, ev - - ry

espress. cresc.

67

day.

gradual rit. dim. *p*

70

pp *ppp*

8va