# Canticle of the Virgin from Fifteen Songs

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SATB a cappella

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James Kevin Gray was born in Westminster, SC, in 1976. He is a graduate of Winthrop University, where he studied under the tutelage of Dr. Robert Edgerton. Kevin has taught as a chorus teacher on the middle, junior, and senior high school levels as well as on the collegiate level as the director of the Winthrop University Jazz Voices. Since 2003, he has been the director of music at River Hills Community Church in Lake Wylie, SC.

### Note

I came across this beautifully crafted piece of literature in 2005 while perusing *An Anthology of Belgium Symbolist Poets*,\* a recently published book written by a dear friend, Dr. Donald F. Friedman.

The overarching message that love, grace, and mercy, can overcome sin or wrong doing, appealed to me as I have needed to hear such a powerful message of hope many times in my life.

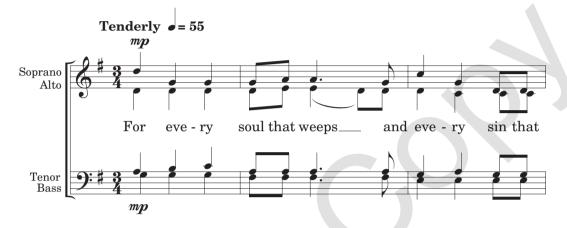
Feeling inspired, I spent the next week composing this choral setting with a strong desire to share the gift and impact of this text with others.

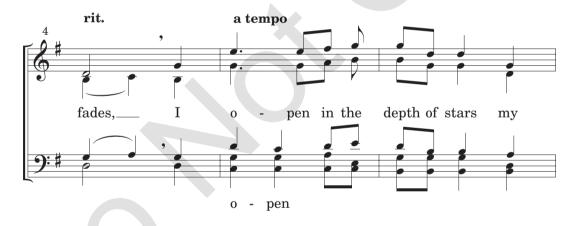
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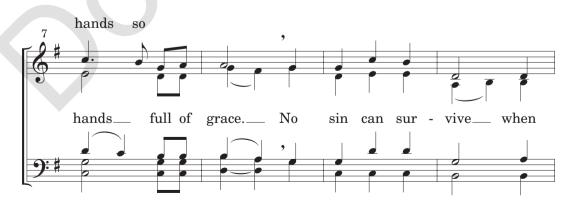
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