

Ephesians 6: 1-4

*“Children, it is right to obey your parents in the Lord.
 ‘Honor your father and your mother’ –
 this is the first commandment with a promise:
 ‘so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.’
 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger,
 but bring them up in the ways of the Lord.”*

Special Moments is an anthem that celebrates the Christian family. It is appropriate for worship throughout the year, especially for baptism, child or family dedication, and Mother’s or Father’s Day. Suggested corresponding scripture readings include Exodus 20: 8-12, Proverbs 4: 1-9, Ephesians 6: 1-4 and Colossians 3: 12-17. One basic homiletical theme is the responsibility of the Christian family to train its children in the ways of the Lord.

In rehearsal, strive for a lyric legato enlivened by a strong sense of the underlying eighth note pulse. The phrases are clearly defined and should be shaped dynamically according to the natural rise and fall of the melodic contour. For a short choral response to a baptism or child dedication, perform only mm. 1-36.

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for Wilma Perry

SPECIAL MOMENTS

(A General or Mother's/Father's Day Anthem)

for S.A.B. or 2-part mixed voices, accompanied*

Words and Music by
DAVE and JEAN PERRY (ASCAP)

In quiet simplicity (♩ = ca. 108)

ACCOMP. *mp*

Pedal carefully. 5 *mp*

4 SOPRANO *mp*

ALTO

Lord, to-day — we thank You for

BARITONE *mp*

7

all that You — have done: For earth and sky, — for

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* For performance by 2-part mixed voices, omit the alto.
Also available for S.A.T.B. voices, No. 20981.

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air we breathe, _ stars and morn - ing sun, for

13

friend - ships and _ for fam - 'lies, for mem - 'ries that _ we

16

share, for grow - ing dai - ly in Your love and

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

19 *mf* 21

in Your watch - ful care; And for those spe - cial

mf

mf

22

mo - ments, those times when we re - call * a

mp

25

fa - ther's guid - ing pres - ence, a moth - er's gen - tle

mp

mp

* No breath.

28 *mf* 29

call, the laugh - ter and the sing - ing, the



mf



31 *mp*

teach - ing of your way, the qui - et times to - geth - er that



mp



35

taught us how to pray.



38 *mf* 40

Though the years go by too

41

quick - ly, and our lives are re - ar - ranged, still the *mf*

44

les - sons learned in child - hood will al - ways stay the

47 *mf* 48

same: The sa - cred love God gave us, His

49

50

grace to us — be - stowed, those spe - cial mo - ments

51

53 *f*

in our lives with those who loved us so; And *f*

54 *f*

56

for those spe - cial mo - ments, those times when we — re -

59

call a fa - ther's guid - ing pres - ence, a

62

moth - er's gen - tle call, the laugh - ter and — the

64

*mf**mf**mf*

65

mp

sing - ing, the teach - ing of — your way, the *mp*

68

qui - et times to - geth - er that taught us how to pray.

cresc.

72

f 73

And for those spe - cial mo - ments, those

f

75

times when we — re - call a fa - ther's guid - ing

78

pres - ence, a moth - er's gen - tle call the

81

laugh - ter and the sing - ing, the teach - ing of — your

84 *mf* way, the qui - et times to - geth - er

87 *mp* that taught us how to *rall.*

90 *a tempo dim.* pray. *poco rit.* *p* *dim.* *p*

a tempo *poco rit.* *pp*

