

***O God, You Search Me***

*SATB Choir with Piano*

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# O God, You Search Me

Dedicated to the memory of Jenny Henke, beloved member of the  
Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley: 1987-2015

Based on Psalm 139

Mitchell Covington (ASCAP)

Piano

*mp*

$\text{♩} = 72$

1 2

3 4 5

S

*mp*

O God, you search me and you know me. You know when I sit down or

A

*mp*

O God, you search me and you know me. You know when I sit down or

6 7 8

9

S  
rise. You know my go - ing out and com - ing in;—

A  
rise. You know my go - ing out and com - ing in;

12

S  
You are fam - il - iar with my ways. *p* Be - fore a

A  
You are fam - il - iar with my ways. *mp* Be - fore a word is on my

15

S word you know what I am going to say.

A tongue, you know what I am going to say.

18

S *mp* As - cend to heav - en you will

A *mp* As - cend to heav - en you will

T *mf* If I as - cend to heav - en you will find me, or

B *mf* If I as - cend to heav - en you will find me, or

18

21

S find me. my bed in Se - ol you are there, \_\_\_\_\_

A find me. my bed in Se - ol you are there.

T make my bed in Se - ol you are there; Or fly on morn-ing to the

B make my bed in Se - ol you are there; Or fly up - on the morn-ing to the

24

S up - on the morn-ing to the sea. your hand will find me where I

A up - on the morn-ing to the sea. \_\_\_\_\_ your hand will find me where I

T far - thest sea, your hand will find me where I am.

B far - thest sea, your hand will find me where I am. \_\_\_\_\_

27

S am. If I should ev - er lose my way

A am. If I should ev - er lose my way

T If I should ev - er lose my way your strong right hand will hold me

B If I should ev - er lose my way your strong right hand will hold me

27

30

S *mp* your hand will hold me fast. for you cre - at - ed me, you

A *mp* your hand will hold me fast. For you cre - at - ed me, you

T *mp* fast. For you cre - at - ed me, you

B *mp* fast. You cre - at - ed

30

33

S knit me up with - in my moth - er's womb.

A knit me up with - in my moth - er's womb.

T knit me up with - in my moth - er's womb.

B in my moth - er's womb.

36

S In your book you have writ - ten all the days that you have formed for me.

A In your book you have writ - ten all the days that you have formed for me.

T In your book you have writ - ten all the days that you have formed for me.

B You have writ - ten all the days for me.

*mp*

*mf*

39

S How can I hide for the

A *mf*  
How can I hide from you? I can - not run a - way from you, the

T *mf*  
How can I hide from you? I can - not run a - way from you, the

B *mf*  
How can I hide for the

39

*mf*

*rit.* *a tempo*

42

S dark is as light to you.

A dark-ness can - not cov - er my, for dark-ness is as light to you.

T dark-ness can - not cov - er me, for dark-ness is as light to you.

B dark is as light to you.

42

*rit.* *a tempo*

*f*



45

48

S *mp* *mf*  
O God, you search me and you know me.

A *mp* *mf*  
O God, you search me and you know me.

T *mp* *mf*  
O God, you search me and you know me.

B *mp* *mf*  
O God, you search me and you know me.

48

*mp* *mf*

51

S You know when I sit down or rise. \_\_\_\_\_ You know my go - ing out and

A You know when I sit down or rise. \_\_\_\_\_ You know my go - ing out and

T 8 You know when I sit doen or rise. \_\_\_\_\_

B You know when I sit down or rise. \_\_\_\_\_

54

S com - ing in, —

A com - ing in,

T 8 You are fa - mil - iar with my ways.

B You are fa - mil - iar with my ways.

57

S Be-fore a word is on my tongue you know what I am going to

A Be-fore a word is on my tongue You know what I am going to

T Be-fore a word is on my tongue you know what I am going to

B Be-fore a word is on my tongue You know what I am going to



60

S say. for you cre - at - ed me, you *mp*

A say. For you cre - at - ed me, you *mp*

T say. For you cre - at - ed me, you *mp*

B say. You cre - at - ed *mp*



63

S knit me up with - in my moth - er's womb.

A knit me up with - in my moth - er's womb.

T knit me up with - in my moth - er's womb.

B in my moth - er's womb.

66

S In your book you have writ - ten all the days that you have formed for me.

A In your book you have writ - ten all the days that you have formed for me.

T In your book you have writ - ten all the days that you have formed for me.

B You have writ - ten all the days for me.

69 *mp*

S Search me and know my heart, test me, Lord, and know my thoughts and

A Search me and know my heart, test me, Lord,

T *mp*  
Test me, Lord and know my thoughts and

B

72

S see if there are wick - ed ways in me. And lead me in your ev - er - last - ing

A see if there are wick - ed ways in me. And lead me in your ev - er - last - ing

T see, and see if there are wick - ed ways in me, in your ev - er - last - ing

B *mp*  
See if there are wick - ed ways and see if there are wick - ed ways in me, in your ev - er - last - ing

75

S way. Search me and know my heart, test me, Lord and know my thoughts and

A way. Search me and know my heart, test me, Lord,

T way. Search me and know my heart, test me, Lord and know my thoughts and

B way. Search me and know my heart, test me, Lord, and know my thoughts and

*f*

78

S see if there are wick-ed ways in me. And lead me in your ev - er - last - ing

A see if there are wick-ed ways in me. And lead me in your ev - er - last - ing

T see, and see if there are wick-ed ways in me, in your ev - er - last - ing

B see if there are wick-ed ways, and see if there are wick-ed ways in me, in your ev - er - last - ing

*rit.*

78

81 *mf*

S way. Lead me in your ev - er - last - ing way.

A way. Lead me in your ev - er - last - ing way.

T way. *mf* O God, you search me and you

B way. *mf* O God, you search me and you

84 *mp* *poco rit.*

S In your ev - er - last - ing way, in your ev - er - last - ing way. \_\_\_\_\_

A *mp* In your ev - er - last - ing way, in your ev - er - last - ing way. \_\_\_\_\_

T know. *mp* In your ev - er - last - ing way. \_\_\_\_\_

B know. *mp* In your ev - er - last - ing way. \_\_\_\_\_

84 *mp* *poco rit.* *p*