

Gentle Words

SATB a cappella

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In steady tempo ♩ = 52

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

p

What the dew is to the flo-wers, gen-tle words are to the soul, and a

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for rehearsal only

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S.

A.

T.

B.

bless - ing to the giv - er and so dear to the re - ceiv - er, we should

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S. 

A.  *p*
 What the dew is to the flow - ers, gen - tle

T.  *pp*
 Gen - tle

B.  *pp*
 nev - er with - hold, Gen - tle

 *p* *pp*

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S. 

A.  words are to the soul, and a bless - ing to the giv - er and so

T.  words are to the soul, and a bless - ing and so

B.  words, and a bless - ing and so



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S. *mf* While—

A. *mf* dear to the re - ceiv - er, we should nev - er with - hold, *mf* While—

T. *mf* dear, we should nev - er with - hold.

B. dear,

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S. links of love are bro - ken by words that are un - kind, then—

A. links of love are bro - ken by— words that are un - kind, then—

T. *mf* by— words that are un - kind, then—

B. *mf* then—