

for Alexandra Rose Szabó Johnston on the occasion of her baptism
and her parents Rowan and Claire

Blessing for a New-Born Child

for cello and SATB voices

David Hamilton (2015)

text: Celtic Blessing

The musical score is written for cello and SATB voices. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 69-72. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. The cello part starts with a dynamic of *p* and features a melodic line with slurs and accents. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) enter at the beginning of the second system with a dynamic of *pp*. The score is divided into two systems, with a double bar line and a repeat sign at the start of the second system. The first system ends at measure 5, and the second system begins at measure 6. The vocal parts have lyrics written below their staves, and the cello part has lyrics written below its staff. The score concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

12

Vc. *pizz.*

S. *p*
 May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun, the

A. *p*
 May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun, the

T. *p*
 May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun, the

B. *p*
 May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun, the

18

Vc. *arco*

S. *p*
 soft-ness of the rain and the my- ste-ry of the moon reach you and fill you.

A. *p*
 soft-ness of the rain and the my- ste-ry of the moon reach you and fill you.

T. *p*
 soft-ness of the rain and the my- ste-ry of the moon reach you and fill you.

B. *p*
 soft-ness of the rain and the my- ste-ry of the moon reach you and fill you.

3

24

Vc. *p*

S. *mp*
oo- _____ May beau-ty de- light you and hap- pi-ness up-

A. *mp*
oo- _____ May beau-ty de- light you and hap- pi-ness up-

T. *mp*
oo- _____ May beau-ty de- light you and hap- pi-ness up-

B. *mp*
oo- _____ May beau- ty and hap- pi-ness up-

30

Vc.

S. *mf*
lift you, _____ may won-der ful- fil you and love sur- round you.

A. *mf*
lift you, _____ may won-der ful- fil you and love sur- round you.

T. *mf*
lift you, _____ may won-der ful- fil you and love sur- round you.

B. *mf*
lift you, _____ may won- der and love sur- round you.