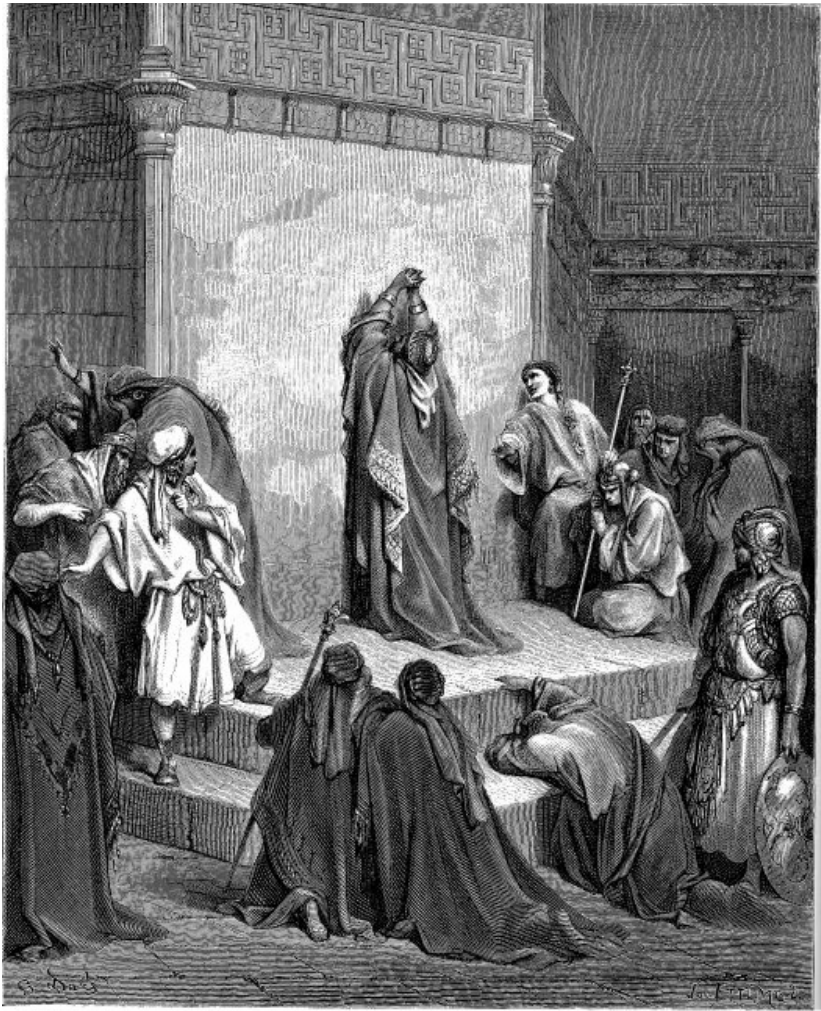# STANLEY M. HOFFMAN
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2 Samuel 18:33 (KJV)
Adapted by the composer

Stanley M. Hoffman

Dirge 1 **Slowly and mournfully** ♩ = 58

Tenor 1 (Section or Solo)

p

When Da - vid heard that his son ___ was dead, ___ he was deep - ly moved.

T 1 (Sec. or Solo)

He went up to the cham - ber ___ o'er the gate and ___

T 1 (Sec. or Solo)

mf *mp gently* *p*

wept. And as he wept ___ he said:

Refrain

mf

T 1
T 2

Ab - sa - lom, ___

"O ___ my son ___ Ab - sa - lom, ___ O, ___ my son, ___ my son

f

B 1
B 2

mf Ab - sa - lom, ___ *f*

ff *f* *mf* *mp* *mf*

T 1
T 2

Ab - sa - lom! ___ Would I had died in - stead of you, ___ O ___

B 1
B 2

ff *f* *mf* *mp* *mf*

f *mf* *mp* *rit. al fine 3rd time only* *p* **Fine 3rd time**

T 1
T 2

Ab - sa - lom, ___ my son, ___ my ___ son!"

B 1
B 2

f *mf* *mp* *p*
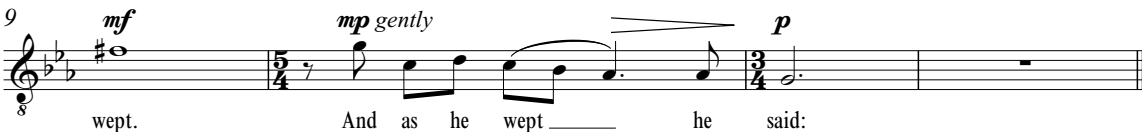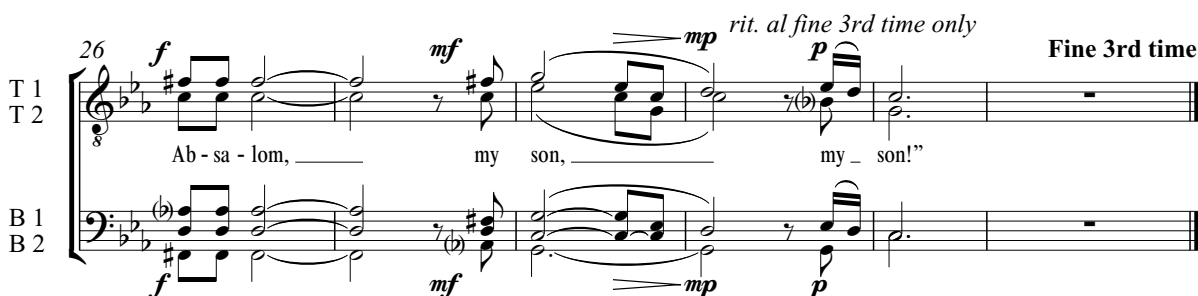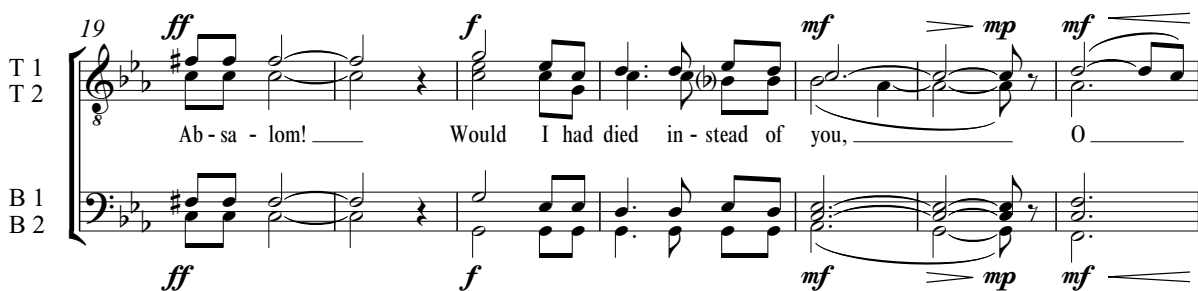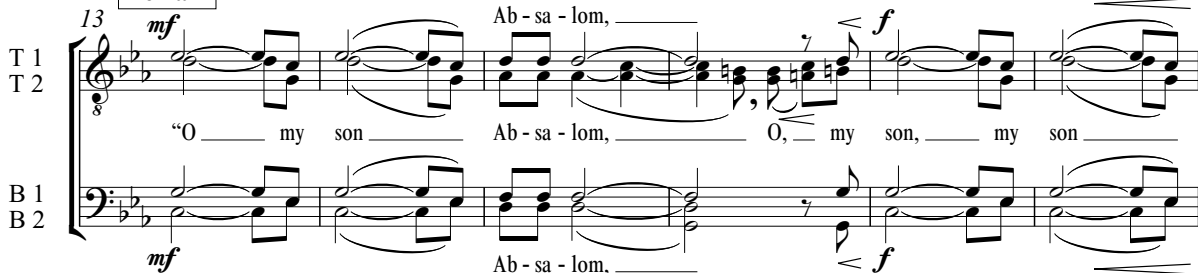
32 **Dirge 2**

p

T 1

2. When Da-vid heard that his son _____ was dead, _____ he was deep-ly moved.

T 2

p

2. When Da-vid heard that his son _____ was dead, _____

B 1

p

2. When Da-vid heard ____ that his son _____ was

B 2

p

2. When Da-vid heard _____ that his

Reh. Kbd.

36

T 1

_____ He went up to the cham - ber __ o'er the gate and __

T 2

he was deep-ly moved. _____ He went up to the cham - ber __ o'er the

B 1

dead, _____ he was deep-ly moved. _____ He went up to the

B 2

son _____ was dead, _____ he was deep-ly moved. _____

Reh. Kbd.

T 1 *mf* — *mp gently* — *p* — **To Refrain**
wept. And as he wept ___ he said:

T 2 *mf* — *mp* — *p*
gate and wept, ___ he said:

B 1 *mf* — *mp* — *p*
cham - ber o'er the gate, ___ he said:

B 2 *mf* — *mp* — *p*
He went up to the cham - ber o'er the gate, ___ he said:

Reh. Kbd.

44 Dirge 3 *p*
3. When Da - vid heard that his son ___ was dead, ___ he was deep - ly moved.

48
He went up to the cham - ber ___ o'er the gate and ___

52 *mf* — *mp gently* — *p* — **To Refrain**
wept. And as he wept ___ he said:

mf *mp* *p*

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