

# What Is God?

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With anticipation and movement ♩ = 120

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR *p poco a poco crescendo*

BASS *pp poco a poco crescendo*

What is, what is, what is, what

What is, what

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S.

A. *mp poco a poco crescendo*

T.

B.

What is, what is

What is, what is, what is, what is, what is, what is

what is, what is, what is, what is, what is

11 *mf poco a poco crescendo*

S. *What is, what is, what is,*

A. *what is, what is, what is, what is,*

T. *what is, what is, what is, what is, what is,*

B. *what is, what is, what is, what is,*

15 *ff*

S. *What is, what is, what is,*

A. *what is, what is, what is, what is,*

T. *what is, what is, what is, what is, what is,*

B. *what is, what is, what is, what is,*

With power but deliberately ambivalent

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S. God? What is God? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is

A. God? What is God? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is

T. God? What is God? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is

B. God? What is God? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is

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S. God? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is God? \_\_\_\_\_ //

A. God? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is God? \_\_\_\_\_ //

T. God? What is God? What is, what is God? //

B. God? What is God? What is, what is God? //

With a sense of quiet awe ♩ = 60

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S. *p* The e - ter - nal, the e -

A. *p* The e - ter - nal, the e -

T. *p* The e - ter - nal, the e - ter - nal

B. *p* The e - ter - nal, the e - ter - nal,

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S. ter - nal one life un - der - neath all the forms of life.

A. ter - nal one life un - der - neath all the forms of life.

T. one life un - der - neath forms of life.

B. one life un - der - neath forms of life.

45 **Tempo primo** ♩ = 120 *mp poco a poco crescendo*

S. What is,

A. *pp poco a poco crescendo*  
what is, what is, what is, what is, what is,

T.

B. *p poco a poco crescendo*  
What is, what

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S. what is, what is, what is, what is, what

A. what is, what is, what is, what is, what is,

T. *mf poco a poco crescendo*  
What is, what is, what is,

B. is, what is, what is,

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S. *What*  
is, *3* what is, *3* what *3* is, *3* what

A. what is, what is, what is, what is,

*mf poco a poco crescendo*

T. *8* What *3* is, what is, what is, is,

B. what is, what is, what is, what is,

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S. *ff*  
is, *3* what *3* is, *3* what *3* is, *3* what is //

A. *ff*  
what is, what is, what is, what is, //

T. *8* *ff*  
What *3* is, what is, What *3* is, what is, //

B. *ff*  
what is, what is, what is, what is, //

With power once again, now less ambivalent

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S. Love, what is Love? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is

A. Love, what is Love? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is

T. Love, what is Love? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is

B. Love, what is Love? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is

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S. Love? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is Love? \_\_\_\_\_ *p*

A. Love? \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ is Love? \_\_\_\_\_ *p*

T. Love? \_\_\_\_\_ What, what is, what is Love? \_\_\_\_\_ *p*

B. Love? \_\_\_\_\_ What, what is, what is Love? \_\_\_\_\_ *p*

**molto rit.** With warmth and assuredness ♩ = 60

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S. *mf* To feel pre - sence \_\_\_\_\_ of that One

A. *mf* To feel pre - sence \_\_\_\_\_ of that One

T. *mf* To feel pre - sence, \_\_\_\_\_ of, \_\_\_\_\_ of that One

B. *mf* To feel pre - sence, \_\_\_\_\_ of, \_\_\_\_\_ of that One

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*pp* *mf*

S. Life, mmm... and with - in all crea - tures.

A. Life, mmm...

T. Life, mmm...

B. Life deep with - in your - self, mmm...

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*f* *mf* *p*

S. To be It. To be It. To be It.

A. To be It. To be it. To be It.

T. To be It. To be It. To be It.

B. To be it. To be It. To be It.

**più mosso, poco acc.**

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*f*

S. There- fore, all Love is the Love of God.

A. There- fore, all Love is the Love of God.

T. There- fore, all Love is the Love of God.

B. There- fore, all Love is the Love of God.

8 **rit.** **p** **a tempo**

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S. *To be It.*

A. *To be It.*

T. *To be It.*

B. *To be It.*

**With beauty and peacefulness - the eternal question answered**

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S. *God? \_\_\_\_\_*

A. *Love? \_\_\_\_\_*

T. *What is God? What is Love? What is God?*

B. *What is God? What is Love? What is God?*

**molto rit.**

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S. *To be It.*

A. *Love? \_\_\_\_\_*

T. *What is Love? To be It.*

B. *What is Love? To be It.*