

29 Winter Exodus

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Affettuoso ♩ = 76

Emma *mp*

Soprano
Alto

In the dead of the win-ter— with the

Tenor
Bass

Affettuoso

Piano

p

mp

7
sopo
alto

snow on the ground, And the ice on the riv-er, — we are forced to run. —

tutti

And there's

tenor
bass

man I *mp*

For our wives and our chil-dren, they have threat-ened to kill, —

Pno.

12
sopo
alto

no-thing — to ward off the chill.

altos

And our feet, numb with frost-bite are all

tenor
bass

tenors *mf*

Now our shoes are all tat-tered — and there's blood in our tracks. —

Pno.

Emma *mf*

sopo alto 17 *rall. tutti guisto f*

cov-ered with cracks. As I car - ry my bab - y — and sing a soft lull-a-by, — Though I know she don't have the strength to cry. Oh —

tenor bass

Pno. *mf* *rall. guisto f*

Meno mosso woman 1 *mf*

sopo alto 22

God, Our Cre - a - tor, Where did we go — wrong? — Did we make a mis-take — here — in com-ing on too — strong? — 'Cause it

tenor bass

Did — we

Pno. *Meno mosso* *mf*

mp *rit.* *Tempo primo*

sopo alto 26

seems with the lo - cals, We just can't get a-long, — And we're leav-ing — all — that — we own.

tenor bass

man 1 *mp*

Now these woods would be si-lent but for

Pno. *rit.* *f* *mf* *Tempo primo*

31 woman 2 (alto) *mp* *rall.* women 3 *a tempo* Emma

sopo alto
And oc - cas - ion - al cry - ing ____ leav - ing tears ____ that freeze. ____ And the wind shows no mer - cy, There's a sting in my eyes, ____ And I

tenor bass
shuf - fling feet.

31 *f* *rall.* *mp* *a tempo* *tr*

Pno.

36 *rall.* *tutti ff* **Meno mosso** *rubato espres.*

sopo alto
won - der ____ if we'll ev - er sur - vive! Oh ____ God, Our Cre - a - tor, Where did we go ____ wrong? ____ Did we

tenor bass

36 *rall.* *ff* **Meno mosso**

Pno.

40 *tutti f*

sopo alto
make a mis - take ____ here ____ in com - ing on too ____ strong? And we're

tenor bass
man 3 *mp*
'Cause it seems with the lo - cals we just can't get a - long. ____

40 *mp* *f*

Pno.

44

woman 2 (alto) *accel.* **f** women 3

soprano
leav - ing all that we own. With our prophet in pri - son, And our peo - ple on the run, And there's

tenor
man 3

Piano
accel. **f**

48

soprano **ff** *rall.* **ff** tutti **Resoluto** *rubato y molto espressivo*

no - where to turn to And our hope's all gone! Oh God, Our Cre - a - tor. Won't you hear the prayers Of your

tenor
God, Our Cre - a - Cause Won't you

Piano
ff *rall.* **8^{va} loco**

52

woman 1 **f** woman 2 (alto)

soprano
suf - fer - ing saints here? We're be - yond des - pair. Please pro - vide food and shel - ter and dry our tears. And

tenor
man 3 man 1

Piano
f

56 *tutti ff rall.* Emma *mp riten.*

sopo alto
help us — find — a — home. Help us — find — a — home. Help us — find — a — home!

tenor bass

Pno. *ff rall.* *mp* *riten.*

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sopo alto

tenor bass

Pno. *p* *rall.*