

The gateway to thy kingdom
A prayer of Thomas Ken

SSATB a capella

Alexander Turner (2017)

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For the Southwell Minster Chorale and the Very Reverend
Nicola Sullivan on the occasion of her installation as Dean of Southwell.

SSATB, a capella.

Text:

*O God, make the door of this house wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship;
but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.*

*Here, may the tempted find help,
the sorrowing receive comfort,
the careless be awakened to your repentance,
and the penitent be assured of your mercy;
and here may all your children renew their strength
and go on their way in hope and joy.*

O God, make the door of this house the gateway to thine eternal kingdom.

Thomas Ken (1637-1711), Bishop of Bath and Wells

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Spacious, flowing and warm ♩ = 55*
mf

S
A
T
B

O God, make the door of this

house wide enough to receive all who

need human love and fel- - low-ship;

need human love and fel- - low-ship;

but nar- row enough to shut out all en- vy,

f *mf* *f* *p* *rall.*

3 3 3 3 3

* ♩ = ♩ throughout

Slightly faster [$\text{♩} = 60$]

3
15 *mp* , *mf*

S
pride and strife. Here may the temp- ted find

A
pride and strife. Here find
Here may the temp- ted find

T
B
strife. Here find

19

S
help, the sor - row - ing re - ceive com - fort, the

A
help, the sor - row - ing re - ceive com - fort,

T
B

23 *f*

S
care - less be a - wa - kened to re - pen - tance,

A
be a - wa - kened to re - pen - tance,

T
B

27 *mf*

S
and the pe - ni - tent be as - sured of your mer - cy;

A
and the pe - ni - tent be as - sured of your mer - cy;

T
B

31 **accel.** *p*

S and here may all your chil - dren re - new their

A

T

B

34 *f*

S strength and go on their way in

A strength and go on their way in

T strength and go on their way in

B

36 **rall.** *mp*, **A tempo** *mf* O

S hope and joy. O God,

A hope and joy. O God,

T hope and joy. O God,

B

39 God, make the door of this

S O God, make this

A O God make

T God

B

5

41

S house the gate - way to

A the door the gate - way to

T B make the gate - way to

43

S thine e - ter - nal king - dom, *f*

A thine e - ter - nal king - dom,

T B thine e - ter - nal king - dom,

45

Slower *mp* **rall.**

S gate - - way to thy king - dom.

A gate - way to thy king - dom.

T B gate - - way to thy king - dom.