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# Prayer of Black Elk

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The musical score consists of three systems of music. System 1 (measures 1-6) features a piano part in 3/4 time with dynamics *mp*, *cresc.*, and *loco*. System 2 (measures 7-12) features a piano part in 3/4 time with dynamics *mf*, *cresc.*, and *con ped.*. System 3 (measures 13-18) features a vocal part with lyrics "Hear me," and a piano part in 3/4 time with dynamics *f*, *f*, *f*, and *f*. The vocal part includes a melodic line with sustained notes and slurs. The piano part includes chords and eighth-note patterns.

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hear me, \_\_\_\_\_ hear me, \_\_\_\_\_ four quar-ters of the  
 hear me, \_\_\_\_\_ hear me, \_\_\_\_\_ four quar-ters of the  
 hear me, \_\_\_\_\_ hear me, \_\_\_\_\_ four quar-ters of the  
 hear me, \_\_\_\_\_ hear me, \_\_\_\_\_ four quar-ters of the

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world.  
 world.  
 world.  
 world.

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Hear me, hear me, hear me,  
Hear me, hear me, hear me,  
Hear me, hear me, hear me,  
Hear me, hear me, hear me,

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— four quar-ters of the world.  
— four quar-ters of the world.  
— four quar-ters of the world.  
— four quar-ters of the world.

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A re - la-tive, a re - la-tive  
A re - la-tive, a re - la-tive  
A re - la-tive, a re - la-tive  
A re - la-tive, a re - la-tive

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I am! A  
I am! A  
I am! A  
I am! A

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re - la - tive, a re - la - tive  
re - la - tive, a re - la - tive a re - la - tive  
re - la - tive, a re - la - tive a re - la - tive

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I am!  
I am!  
I am!

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*rit. poco a poco*

*dim. poco a poco*

61

*poco meno mosso*

*mf*

*mp*

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*mp*

Give me the  
*mp*

Give me the  
*mp*

Give me the  
*mp*

Give me the

69

strength, give me the strength,  
strength, give me the strength,  
strength, give me the strength,  
strength, give me the strength,

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give me the strength to walk the soft earth.  
give me the strength to walk the soft earth.  
give me the strength to walk the soft earth.  
give me the strength to walk the soft earth.

Give me the eyes,  
Give me the eyes,  
Give me the

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give me the eyes,  
give me the eyes,  
eyes, give me the eyes,  
Give me the eyes, give me the

85

cresc.

give me the eyes to see and the strength to un - der - stand.  
cresc.

give me the eyes to see and the strength to un - der - stand.

cresc.

and the strength to un - der - stand.  
cresc.

eyes, to un - der - stand.

cresc.

89 *rit.*

*Broadly*

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*rit.* Look u - pon these fa - ces of

*rit.* Look u - pon these fa - ces of

*rit.* Look u - pon these fa - ces of

*rit.* Look u - pon these fa - ces of

*Broadly*

*rit.* f

Look u - pon these fa - ces of

Look u - pon these fa - ces of

Look u - pon these fa - ces of

Look u - pon these fa - ces of

Broadly

*rit.* f

child - ren with-out num-ber,  
that they may face the winds and  
child - ren with-out num-ber,  
that they may face the winds and  
child - ren with-out num-ber,  
that they may face the winds and  
child - ren with-out num-ber,  
that they may face the winds and

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walk the good road, *dim.*  
walk the good road, *dim.*  
walk the good road, walk the good road to the day of  
walk the good road, *dim.*  
walk the good road, *dim.*

*poco meno mosso*

99                          **p**                          **pp**

qui-et.                      This is my prayer,              this is my pray'r;

qui-et.                      This is my prayer,              this is my pray'r;

qui-et.                                                           this is my pray'r;

qui-et.

**p**

**p**

**p**

**pp**

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Tempo primo

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**p**

hear me.

hear me.

hear me.

**p**

Tempo primo

**p**

**mp**

**grob**

113

*cresc.*

*loco*

*con ped.*

*loco*

119

*cresc.*

124 *f*

Hear me, hear me,

Hear me, hear me,

Hear me, hear me,

Hear me, hear me,

*f*

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hear me, four quarters of the world.

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Hear me,

Hear me,

Hear me,

Hear me,

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hear me, hear me,  
hear me, hear me,  
hear me, hear me,  
hear me, hear me,

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four quar - ters of the world.  
four quar - ters of the world.  
four quar - ters of the world.  
four quar - ters of the world.

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A re - la - tive,

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a re - la - tive I am!

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Treble staff: Chords of G major (G-B-D), A major (A-C#-E), and B major (B-D#-F#). Measures end with a fermata over the last note.

Bass staff: Rhythmic pattern of eighth notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G.

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Treble staff: Measure starts with a dynamic crescendo. The lyrics "a re - la - tive" are written below the notes. The dynamic reaches a ff (fortissimo) at the end of the measure, followed by a ritardando (rit.).

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A tempo

am.

am.

am.

am.

A tempo

*ff*

ff

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26d