

# O Absalom

for TTBB Chorus unaccompanied

2 Samuel 18:33 (KJV)

Stanley M. Hoffman

Adapted by the composer

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

Tenor 1  
(Section  
or Solo)

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)

wept. And as he wept he said:

**Refrain**

T 1  
T 2

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

B 1  
B 2

Ab-sa-lom,

T 1  
T 2

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

B 1  
B 2

T 1  
T 2

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

B 1  
B 2

**Fine 3rd time**

32 *Dirge 2* *p*

T 1  
2. When Da-vid heard that his son \_\_\_\_\_ was dead, \_\_\_\_\_ he was deep-ly moved.

T 2  
2. When Da-vid heard that his son \_\_\_\_\_ was dead, \_\_\_\_\_

B 1  
2. When Da-vid heard \_\_\_\_\_ that his son \_\_\_\_\_ was

B 2  
2. When Da-vid heard \_\_\_\_\_ that his

Reh. Kbd.

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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.

40 *mf* *mp gently* *p* **To Refrain**

T 1 wept. And as he wept he said:

T 2 gate and wept, he said:

B 1 cham - ber o'er the gate, he said:

B 2 He went up to the cham-ber o'er the gate, he said:

Reh. Kbd.

44 *Dirge 3 p*

T 1 3. When Da-vid heard that his son was dead, he was deep-ly moved.

T 2

B 1

B 2

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T 1 He went up to the cham - ber o'er the gate and

T 2

B 1

B 2

52 *mf* *mp gently* *p* **To Refrain**

T 1 wept. And as he wept he said:

T 2

B 1

B 2

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