

# Tread Softly

for S.A.A.T.B. (*divisi*) voices, a cappella

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**Gently flowing**  $\downarrow=85$

SOPRANO      *ppp* ————— *p* ————— *ppp* ————— *p* ————— ,  
Tread      soft - ly,      tread      soft - ly,

ALTO 1      *ppp* ————— *p* ————— *ppp* —————  
Tread      soft - ly,      tread

ALTO 2      *ppp* ————— *p* ————— *ppp* —————  
Tread      soft - ly,      tread

TENOR      *whispered*  
*tempo ad. lib.* ***pp***  
8      Tread      soft - ly,      tread      soft - ly,      tread      soft - ly,

BASS      *whispered*  
*tempo ad. lib.* ***pp***  
Tread      soft - ly,      tread      soft - ly,      tread      soft - ly,

*(for rehearsal only)*      **Gently flowing**  $\downarrow=85$   
————— *f* ————— *f* ————— *f* ————— *f* —————



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S *tread* *soft - ly,* *tread* *soft - ly,* *soft - ly,*

A1 *soft - ly,* *tread* *soft - ly,* *soft - ly,*

A2 *soft - ly, tread* *soft - ly, tread* *soft - ly,* *soft - ly,*

T *tread* *soft - ly, tread* *soft - ly, tread* *soft - ly, tread* *soft - ly, tread* *soft - ly.* à niente

B *tread* *soft - ly, tread* *soft - ly, tread* *soft - ly, tread* *soft - ly, tread* *soft - ly.* à niente

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S *soft - ly.* *Had I* *the heav'n's em - broi-dered*

A1 *soft - ly.* *Had I* *the heav'n's em - broi-dered*

A2 *soft - ly.* *Had I* *the heav'n's em - broi-dered*

T *Had I* *the heav'n's em - broi-dered*

B *Had I* *the heav'n's em - broi-dered*

**A**

10

S *soft - ly.* *Had I* *the heav'n's em - broi-dered*

**A**

14

S cloths, Had I the heav'n's em - broi - dered cloths,

A1 cloths, Had I the heav'n's cloths,

A2 cloths, Had I the heav'n's cloths, En - wrought with

T Had I the heav'n's em - broi - dered cloths, En - wrought with

B Had I the heav'n's cloths, En -

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S — En-wrought with gol - den and sil - ver light, with

A1 — En-wrought with gol - den and sil - ver light, with

A2 gold, En-wrought with gol - den and sil - ver light, with

T gol - den, gol - den and sil - ver light, with

B wrought, gol - den and sil - ver light, with gol - den,

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**B**

S gol-den sil - ver light, En-wrought with gol - den

A1 gol-den sil - ver light, En-wrought with gol - den

A2 gol-den sil - ver light, En-wrought with gol - den

T gol-den sil - ver light, En-wrought with

B gol-den sil - ver light, En-wrought with

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**B**

26

S sil - ver light, , And the half  
And the half, the half

A1 sil - ver light, pp Of night and light and the half, the half

A2 sil - ver light, pp Of night and light and the half, the half

T sil - ver light, pp , And the half, the half  
And the half, the half

B sil - ver light, pp Of night and light.

26

31 light. **C**, *mp*

S — light. Had I — the heav'n's em-bro-i-dered cloths,  
A1 — light. Had I — the heav'n's em-bro-i-dered cloths,  
A2 — light. Had I — the heav'n's em-bro-i-dered cloths,  
T — light. Had I — the heav'n's em-bro-i-dered cloths,  
B — light. Had I — the heav'n's em-bro-i-dered cloths,

31 **C**

36 blue,  
S gol-den and sil - ver light, gol-den and sil - ver light,  
A1 gol-den and sil - ver light, gol-den and sil - ver light,  
A2 gol-den and sil - ver light, blue, gol-den and sil - ver light,  
T Blue, gol - den sil - ver light,  
B

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D

40 blue. *p* *pp* , *p*

S blue, gol-den and sil - ver light. Spread the

A1 blue, gol-den and sil - ver light. I would spread the

A2 blue, gol-den and sil - ver light. I would spread the

T blue. *p* *pp*

B blue, gol-den and sil - ver light.

**D**

44 *mp*,

S cloths un - der your feet: But I, be - ing

A1 cloths un - der your feet: But I, be - ing

A2 cloths un - der your feet: But I, be - ing

T I would spread the cloths un - der your feet: But I, be - ing

B Would spread the cloths: But

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