

On Children

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♩=92

Soprano 1
Soprano 2
Alto
Alto 2/
Tenor/Bass

are not your chil dren They are the sons and the daugh ters of life's
Your chil - dren are not your chil dren They are the sons and the daugh ters of life's
are not your chil dren They are the sons and the daugh ters of life's
are not your chil dren They are the sons and the daugh ters of life's

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S1
S2
A
A2/
T/B

lon - ging for it - self They come through you but they are not from
lon - ging for it - self They come through you but they are not from
lon - ging for it - self They come through you but they are not from
lon - ging for it - self They come through you but they are not from

5 **2nd time pp**

S1
S2
A
A2/
T/B

you and though they are with you, they be - long not to you You can
you and though they are with you, they be - long not to you You can
you and though they are with you, they be - long not to you You can
you and though they are with you, they be - long not to you You can

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S1
S2
A
A2/
T/B

give them your love_ but not your thoughts They have their own_ thoughts They have their own_ thoughts You can
give them your love_ but not your thoughts They have their own_ thoughts They have their own_ thoughts You can
give them your love_ but not your thoughts They have their own_ thoughts They have their own_ thoughts You can
give them your love_ but not your thoughts They have their own_ thoughts They have their own_ thoughts You can

12 **2nd time cresc.**

S1 house their bo-dies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in a place of to- mor - row, which

S2 house their bo-dies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in a place of to- mor - row, which

A house their bo-dies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in a place of to- mor - row, which

A2/T/B house their bo-dies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in a place of to- mor - row, which

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S1 you can-not vi - sit, not e - ven in__ your dreams You can strive to be__ like them, but you

S2 you can-not vi - sit, not e - ven in__ your dreams You can strive to be__ like them, but you

A you can-not vi - sit, not e - ven in__ your dreams You can strive to be__ like them, but you

A2/T/B you can-not vi - sit, not e - ven in__ your dreams Strive, be__ like them,

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S1 can - not make them just like you Strive to be__ like them, but you can - not make them just like you

S2 can - not make them just like you Strive to be__ like them, but you can - not make them just like you

A can - not make them just like you Strive to be__ like them, but you can - not make them just like you Hmm

A2/T/B can - not make them just like you Strive like them, can - not make them just like you

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S1 are not your__ can - not make them just like you

S2 Your chil - dren__ are not your__ can - not make them just like you

A __ hmm__ Your chil - dren__ are not your__ can - not make them just like you

A2/T/B can - not make them just like you