

# Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda, Op 26 Set 1

## II. To the Unknown God

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**Adagio**  
*pp parlante*

SOPRANO  
He, the Pri - mal one, Be - get - ter of the u - ni verse,

ALTO  
He, the Pri - mal one, Be - get - ter of the u - ni verse,

TENOR  
He, the Pri - mal one, Be - get - ter of the u - ni verse,

BASS  
He, the Pri - mal one, Be - get - ter of the u - ni verse,

3

S.  
— Be - got - ten in mys - te - ry, Lord of cre - a - ted things,

A.  
— Be - got - ten in mys - te - ry, Lord of cre - a - ted things,

T.  
— Be - got - ten in mys - te - ry, Lord of cre - a - ted things,

B.  
— Be - got - ten in mys - te - ry, Lord of cre - a - ted things,

5

S. Lord of heav'n and earth.

A. Lord of heav'n and earth.

T. Lord of heav'n and earth.

B. Lord of heav'n and earth.

Pno. *pp staccato*

10

S. *cantabile*  
Who is he? How shall we name Him when we

A. *cantabile*  
Who is he? How shall we name Him when we

T. *cantabile*  
Who is he? How shall we name Him when we

B. *cantabile*  
Who is he? How shall we name Him when we

Pno.

14

S. *parlante*  
of - fer sac - ri fice? He, thro' whom are the

A. *parlante*  
of - fer sac - ri fice? He, thro' whom are the

T. *parlante*  
of - fer sac - ri fice? He, thro' whom are the

B. *parlante*  
of - fer sac - ri fice? He, thro' whom are the

Pno.

18

S. Pri-me-val wa - ters which were be - fore aught else. From their depths a-rose

A. Pri-me-val wa - ters which were be - fore aught else. From their depths a-rose

T. Pri-me-val wa - ters which were be - fore aught else. From their depths a-rose

B. Pri-me-val wa - ters which were be - fore aught else. From their depths a-rose

Pno.

22

S. *f* Fire, the source of Life. *p cantabile* Who is

A. *f* Fire, the source of Life. *p cantabile* Who is

T. *f* Fire, the source of Life. *p cantabile* Who is

B. *f* Fire, the source of Life. *p cantabile* Who is

Pno. *mf* *p*

26

S. He? How shall we name Him when we of - fer sac - ri - fice?

A. He? How shall we name Him when we of - fer sac - ri - fice?

T. He? How shall we name Him when we of - fer sac - ri - fice?

B. He? How shall we name Him when we of - fer sac - ri - fice?

Pno.

31

S. *f*  
He, up - hold - er of earth and sea, of

A. *f*  
He, up - hold - er of earth and sea, of snow \_\_\_\_\_ clad

T. *f*  
He, up - hold - er of earth and sea, of

B. *f*  
He, up - hold - er of earth and sea, of snow \_\_\_\_\_ clad

Pno.

33

S. snow \_\_\_\_\_ clad heights, en - com-pas-sing the wide re - gions of air,

A. heights, en - com-pas-sing the wide re - gions of air, Rul - ing the

T. snow \_\_\_\_\_ clad heights, en - com-pas-sing the wide re - gions of air,

B. heights, en - com-pas-sing the wide re - gions of air, Rul - ing the

Pno.

35

S. Rul - ing the sky and realms of light.

A. sky and realms of light, of light.

T. Rul - ing the sky and realms of light.

B. sky and realms of light, of light.

Pno.

39

S. He whose word is - e - ter - nal Giv - er of breath

A. He whose word is - e - ter - nal Giv - er of breath

T. He whose word is - e - ter - nal Giv - er of breath

B. He whose word is - e - ter - nal Giv - er of breath

Pno.

*maestoso e ben tenuto*

44

S. — and life — and pow'r Sole rul-er of the u-ni-verse, —

A. — and life — and pow'r Sole rul-er of the u-ni-verse, —

T. — and life — and pow'r Sole rul-er of the u-ni-verse, —

B. — and life — and pow'r Sole rul-er of the u-ni-verse, —

Pno.

48

S. Dwell-ing a-lone in His gran-deur: To whom the gods bow.

A. Dwell-ing a-lone in His gran-deur: To whom the gods bow.

T. Dwell-ing a-lone in His gran-deur: To whom the gods bow.

B. Dwell-ing a-lone in His gran-deur: To whom the gods bow.

Pno.

*ff*

52 *ff*

S. Lord of Death, Whose path is life im-

A. Lord of Death, Whose path is life im-

T. Lord of Death, Whose path is life im-

B. Lord of Death, Whose path is life im-

Pno.

57 *pp cantabile*

S. mor- tal! Who is He How shall we name Him when we

A. mor- tal! Who is He How shall we name Him when we

T. mor- tal! Who is He How shall we name Him when we

B. mor- tal! Who is He How shall we name Him when we

Pno. *pp*



62

S. of - fer sac - ri - fice?

A. of - fer sac - ri - fice?

T. of - fer sac - ri - fice?

B. of - fer sac - ri - fice?

Pno.

67

*ppp parlante*  
S. Thou a - lone can't fa - thom Thy mys - te - ry; There is none

*ppp parlante*  
A. Thou a - lone can't fa - thom Thy mys - te - ry; There is none

*ppp parlante*  
T. Thou a - lone can't fa - thom Thy mys - te - ry; There is none

*ppp parlante*  
B. Thou a - lone can't fa - thom Thy mys - te - ry; There is none

Pno.

70

S. *be - side Thee.*

A. *be - side Thee.*

T. *be - side Thee.*

B. *be - side Thee.*

Pno. *pppp*

75

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.