

# The Kindness of Strangers

Lyrics: Brian Bilston

for the helpers

Music: Chris Hutchings

Slow, tentative

Length: 3 minutes. Max divisi: SSAATBB

*p* *mf* *mp*

*p* *mf* *mp*

*p* *mf* *p*

*p* *mf* *pp*

Soprano: There is a beau-ty that walks in the dark-ness, Makes its way a-mong the

Alto: There is a beau-ty that walks in dark-ness, Makes its way a -

Tenor: There is a beau-ty that walks in dark-ness,

Bass: There is a beau-ty that walks in dark-ness,

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*p* *pp* *p* *mp* *pp*

*p* *pp* *p* *mp* *pp*

*p* *mp* *pp*

*p* *mp* *pp*

S: bombs and bro - ken lives, Of - fers

A: mong the bombs and bro-ken lives, makes its way a - mong the bombs

T: makes its way a-mong the bombs and bro - ken lives,

B: makes its way a - mong the bombs and bro-ken lives,

*mp*

*p* *mp*

*mp*

*mp*

S: blan-kets, of - fers blan-kets and shoul-ers to cry on,

A: of - fers blan-kets, of - fers blan-kets and shoul-ers to cry on,

T: of - fers blan-kets and

B: of - fers blan - kets and

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*accel. poco a poco*

14 *mf cresc. poco a poco*

S puts on ket-tles and ban-da-ges, puts on ket-tles and

A puts on ket - tles and ban-da-ges, —

T 8 shoul-ders to cry on, puts on ket-tles and ban-da-ges, puts on ket-tles and

B shoul-ders to cry on, — puts on ket - tles and ban-da-ges, —

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With a little more confidence

19 *f = c. 60*

S ban-da - ges, puts on ket-tles and ban-da - ges, mends what it can,

A ban-da - ges, mends what it can, mends what it can,

T 8 ban-da - ges, mends what it can, — mends what it can,

B mends what it can, mends what it can,

More lively

24 *pp = c. 66 p mp*

S mends what it can; and asks for not one thing back, —

A mends what it can; and asks for not one thing back, —

T 8 mends what it can; and asks for not one thing back, —  
(tenors do not divide)

B mends what it can; —

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pp mp mp mp p mp p

S as it wraps in its arms the troub - led night,

A as it wraps in its arms the troub - led night,

T as it wraps in its arms the troub - led night,

B as it wraps in its arms the troub - led night,

B as it wraps in its arms the troub - led night,

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mf f p mf f p

S as it wraps in its arms the night, and waits for the

S arms the troub-led night, as it wraps in its arms the night, and waits for the

A arms the troub - led night, wraps the night, and waits for the

A wraps in its arms the troub - led night, and waits for the

T wraps in its arms the troub - led night,

B as it wraps in its arms the troub-led night,

B as it wraps the night in its arms,

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37 *mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *ff* *subito p*

*rit.*

S mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, —  
*mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *ff* *subito p*

S mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, —  
*mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *ff* *subito p*

A mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, —  
*mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *ff* *subito p*

A mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, —  
*mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *ff* *subito p*

T mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, —  
*mp* *f* *mf* *ff* *subito p*

B for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, —  
*mf* *ff* *subito p*

B for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, for the mor-ning, —  
*mf* *ff* *subito p*

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42 *ff* *pp*

*Tempo I* = c. 54

S waits for the mor-ning and its pale sun-light. —  
*ff* *pp*

S waits for the mor-ning and its pale sun-light. —  
*ff* *pp*

A waits for mor-ning and its pale sun-light. —  
*ff* *pp*

A waits for mor-ning and its pale sun-light. —  
*ff* *pp*

T waits for mor-ning and its pale sun-light. —  
*ff* *pp*

B waits for mor-ning and its pale sun-light. —  
*ff* *pp*

B waits for mor-ning and its pale sun-light. —  
*ff* *pp*