

Remember the Ladies

for SATB choir
3.5 minutes

Music by Melissa Dunphy
Text by Abigail Adams

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I have sometimes been ready to think that the passion for liberty cannot be equally strong in the breasts of those who [...] deprive their fellow creatures of theirs.

Of this I am certain, that it is not founded upon that [...] Christian principle of doing to others as we would that others should do unto us.

[...]

I long to hear that you have declared an independency, and by the way in the new code of laws, I desire you would remember the ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors.

[...]

If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice...

—Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams,
31 March, 1776

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Moderato ♩=108

SOPRANO *p warmly*
I have some-times been read-y to think _____ that the pas-sion for lib-er-ty, for

ALTO *p warmly*
I have some-times been read - y to think, to think that the pas-sion for lib-er-ty, for

TENOR *p warmly*
I have some-times been read - y to think _____ that the pas - sion

BASS *p warmly*
I have been read - y to think that the pas-sion, the pas - sion for

7 *mf* *p* *mf*
S. lib - er-ty _____ can-not be e - qual-ly strong in the breasts of those who de -

A. *mf* *p* *mf*
lib - er-ty, lib - er-ty can not be e-equal-ly strong in the breasts of those who de -

T. *mf* *p* *mf*
8 for lib - er - ty can-not be e - qual-ly strong in the breasts of those who de -

B. *mf* *p* *mf*
lib - er - ty can - not be strong in the breasts of those who de -

13 *p*
S. prive their fel-low crea-tures of theirs. Of this I am cer-tain, of this I am cer-tain,

A. *p*
prive their fel-low crea-tures of theirs. Of this I am cer-tain, of this I am

T. *p*
8 prive their fel-low crea-tures of theirs. Of this I am cer-tain, of this I am cer-tain,

B. *p*
prive their fel-low crea-tures of theirs. Of this I am cer - tain, I am cer -

2

20

S. *mf* *p*
 that it is not found - ed up-on that Christ-ian prin - ci-ple of do-ing to oth-ers

A. *mf* *p*
 cer-tain, it is not found - ed on that prin - ci-ple, that prin - ci-ple of do-ing to

T. *mf* *p*
 that it is not found - ed up-on that Christ-ian prin - ci-ple of do-ing to oth-ers

B. *mf* *p*
 tain, it is not found - ed up-on that prin - ci - ple of do - ing to

26

S. *f* *mf*
 as we would that oth-ers should do un - to us, un-to us. I

A. *f* *mf*
 oth-ers as we would that oth-ers should do un-to us, un - to us. I

T. *f* *mf*
 as we would that oth-ers should do un to us, un - to us. I

B. *f*
 oth-ers as we would that oth-ers should do un - to us.

33

S. *mf*
 long to hear that you have de clared an in - de-pend-en-cy and by the way in the new

A. *mf*
 long to hear you have de clared an in - de-pend-en-cy and by the way in the new

T. *mf*
 long to hear you have de clared an in - de - pend - en - cy, in the new

B. *mf*
 I long to hear you have de clared an in - de - pend - en - cy, in the new

39

S. *f* code of laws, I de-sire you would re mem-ber_ the lad-ies, *mp* re - mem-ber_ the lad-ies and be more

A. *f* code of laws, I de-sire you would re mem-ber_ the lad-ies, *mp* re-mem-ber the lad-ies and be more

T. *f* code of laws, re - mem-ber_ the lad - - ies, *mp* be more

B. *f* code of laws, re - mem-ber_ the lad-ies and be more gen - er-ous to

45

S. *p* gen-er-ous and fav' rab-le to them than your an - ces - tors. If par - tic - u - lar care and at -

A. *p* gen - er-ous to them than your an - ces- tors. If par - tic - u - lar care and at -

T. *p* gen er-ous to them than your an - ces- tors. If par - tic - u - lar care and at -

B. *mp* them than your an - ces - tors. *p* If par - tic - u - lar

51

S. *f* ten - tion_ is not paid to the lad-ies, *p* we are de - ter-mined to fo

A. *f* ten - tion is not paid to the lad - ies, *p* we are de - ter-mined to fo -

T. *f* ten - tion is not paid to the lad-ies, *p* we are de - ter-mined to fo -

B. *f* care is not paid, *p* we are de - ter - mined, de - ter - mined to fo -

4

58 *f*

S. ment a re - bel - lion, will not hold our-selves bound by laws in which we

A. ment a re - bel - lion and will not hold our-selves bound by an - y laws in which we

T. ment a re - bel - lion and will not hold our-selves bound by an - y laws in which we

B. ment re - bel - lion and will not hold our-selves bound by laws in which we

66 *ff* *f joyfully*

S. have no voice. I long to hear you, I long to hear you have de

A. have no voice. I long to hear that you have declared an in - depend-en-cy and

T. have no voice. I long to hear you have declared an in - de -

B. have no voice. I long to hear, to hear you have declared an in - de -

73

S. clared an in - de - pend - en - cy, re - mem ber the lad - ies, re -

A. by the way in the new code of laws I de-sire you would re-mem ber the lad-ies, re -

T. pend - en - cy, in the new code of laws, re mem ber the

B. pend - en - cy, in the new code of laws, re - mem ber the lad-ies and

79

S. mem ber the lad - ies and be more gen - er - ous to them than your an - ces -

A. mem - ber the lad - ies and be more gen - er - ous and fav' rab - le to them than your an - ces - tors.

T. lad - - ies and be more gen er - ous to them than your an - ces - tors.

B. be more gen - er - ous to them than your an - ces -

84

S. tors. *p warmly* Re - mem - ber the lad - ies, *p* Re - mem - ber the

A. *p warmly* Re - mem - ber the lad - ies, re - mem - ber the lad - ies,

T. *p warmly* Re - mem - ber the lad - ies, re - mem - ber the lad - ies,

B. *p warmly* tors. Re - mem - ber the lad - ies, the lad - - -

rit.

88

S. lad - ies, re - mem - ber, re - mem - ber the lad - ies.

A. re - mem - ber the lad - ies, re - mem - ber the lad - ies.

T. Re mem - ber the lad - ies, re - mem - ber the lad - ies.

B. ies, re - mem - ber the lad - ies, the lad - ies.