

# The Iron Rod

Lyrics by: Joseph L. Townsend

**Music by: Johann Pachelbel & William Clayton**

Arranged by: Eric J. Smith

**Soprano & Alto**

**Tenor & Bass**

**Piano**

*J = 80*

To Ne - phi,seer of old-en  
And when temp-ta-ion's pow'r is

**SA**

**TB**

**Pno.**

time, A vi-sion came from God, Where-in the ho-ly word sub-lime Was shown an i-ron  
nigh, Our path-way cloud-ed o'er, Up - on the rod we can re - ly, And heav-en'said im-

12

SA

TB

Pno.

rod. While on our jour-ne-y here be - low, Be - neath temp-ta-tion's pow'r, Through  
- plore. And, hand o'er hand, the rod a - long, Through each suc-ceed-ing day, With

17

SA

TB

Pno.

mists of dark-ness we must go, In per-il ev'-ry hour.  
earn-est prayer and hope-ful song, We'll still pur-sue our way.

Hold to the rod, the

22

SA

TB

Pno.

i - ron rod; 'Tis strong, and bright, and true. The i - ron rod is the word of God; 'Twill

27

[1] ♫ | [2] ♫

SA: safe-ly—guide us through. | through.

TB: | [1] ♫ | [2] ♫

TB: And,

Pno. | [1] ♫ | [2] ♫

31

SA: | - | - | - | - |

TB: | - | - | - | - |

Pno. | - | - | - | - |

Pno. | - | - | - | - |

35

*Slower*

SA: | - | - | ♫ | 3/4 | - | - | - | - |

TB: | - | - | ♫ | 3/4 | - | - | - | - |

A - far we see the golden rest To which the rod will guide, Where,

Pno. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

41

SA      TB      Pno.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is for the Soprano-Alto (SA) voice in treble clef, the middle staff is for the Tenor-Bass (TB) voice in bass clef, and the bottom staff is for the Piano (Pno.). The key signature is one sharp (G major). The time signature is 4/4. The vocal parts sing eighth-note patterns. The piano part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The vocal parts sing the lyrics: "with the an-gels bright and blest, For - ev - - er we'll a - bide." A dynamic marking *p* is placed above the piano staff at the end of the measure.

Soprano & Alto

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4 | 16

Hold to the rod, the iron rod; 'Tis strong, and bright, and true. The

25

i-ron rod is the word of God; 'Twill safe-ly guide us through. through.

6

Slower

A-

37

-far we see the gol-den rest To which the rod will guide, Where, with the an-gels bright and blest, For - ev - er

44

we'll a - bide.

Tenor & Bass

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$\text{J} = 80$  **3**

To Ne - phi, seer of old-en time,

And A vi-sion came from God, Where

**9**

-in the ho-ly word sub-lime

Was shown an i - ron rod.

**15**

While on our jour-ney here be - low, Be -

And heav-en'said im - plore. And, hand o'er hand, the rod a - long, Through

**21** **7**

-neath temp-ta-tion's pow'r, Through mists of dark-ness we must go, In per-il ev - ry hour.

each suc-ceed-ing day, With earn-est prayer and hope-ful song, We'll still pur-sue our way.

**40**

And,

Piano

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The sheet music consists of six staves of musical notation for piano. The tempo is marked as  $\text{♩} = 80$ . The key signature is  $\text{F major}$  (one sharp). The time signature starts at  $4/4$ , changes to  $3/4$  at measure 3, and then back to  $4/4$  for the remainder of the piece. Measure 10 begins with a series of eighth-note chords. Measures 20 and 27 show more complex harmonic progression with sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 31 and 36 feature eighth-note patterns. Measure 36 concludes with a dynamic marking of *tr.* (trill).

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