

J O A N S Z Y M K O

BLESSING

Just to be is a blessing

Just to live is holy

Blessing

quote by
Rabbi Abraham Heschel *

any voice combination, suggested SATB voicing indicated

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in a joyous, contemplative manner

$\text{♩} = 96$ *legato*

Pno. *p*

5 TENOR *mp*
Just to be _____ is a bless - ing, _____

SOP *p* *mp*
Just to be _____ is a bless - ing, _____

mp

PERUSAL ONLY

9 ALTO
just to live _____ is ho - ly. _____

BASS
just to live _____ is ho - ly. _____

* Abraham Heschel was a Polish born American rabbi and a leading Jewish theologian of the 20th century. He is also widely read and influential outside of Judaism. Heschel believed and argued that religious experience is a fundamentally human impulse, not just a Jewish one and that no religious community could claim a monopoly on religious truth. For composer bio, see www.joanszymko.com.

13 TEN/SOP *mf*

I Just to be _____ is a bless - ing, _____

II *p* ALTO/BASS *mp*

Just to be _____ is a bless - ing, _____

17 TEN/SOP *mp*

just to live _____ is ho - ly. _____ SOP only

Just to be is a

ALTO on *p*

Just to live _____ is ho - ly. _____

cresc.

21 *mf* , BASS add ALTO

bless - ing, _____ bless - ing, _____ Just to be is a bless - ing.

TEN only *mp* *mf* TEN/SOP

Just to be is a bless - ing, _____ bless - ing, _____

mf *dim.*

26 ALTO/BASS

I Just to live is ho - ly. *p* *mp*

II *mp* TENOR/SOP just to live is ho - ly. *p*

30 ALTO only

1. Just to be is a bless - ing.

SOP only *mp*

Just to be is a bless - ing.

34 2. ALTO only

SOP/ALTO

Just to live is ho - ly. Is ho - ly.

TENOR/SOP TENOR/BASS

Just to live is ho - ly.

2. rit. *p*