

Dedicated to Robert and Hannah Salisbury

# CHILDREN ARE A HERITAGE OF THE LORD

for SSATB a cappella

Psalm 127

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*Largo legatissimo e tenuto*

*pp*

I  
SOPRANO  
II

Ex - cept the Lord build the house, they la - bour in vain that build it, ex -

ALTO

Ex - cept the Lord build the house, they la - bour in vain that build it, ex -

TENOR

Ex - cept the Lord build the house, they la - bour in vain that build it, ex -

BASS

Ex - cept the Lord build the house, they la - bour in vain that build it, ex -

PIANO  
(for rehearsal only)

5 *poco cresc*

- cept the Lord keep the ci - ty the watch - man wa - keth but in vain. *p*

*poco cresc*

- cept the Lord keep the ci - ty the watch - man wa - keth but in vain. *p*

*poco cresc*

- cept the Lord keep the ci - ty the watch - man wa - keth but in vain. *p*

*poco cresc*

- cept the Lord keep the ci - ty the watch - man wa - keth but in vain. *p*

*poco cresc*

- cept the Lord keep the ci - ty the watch - man wa - keth but in vain. *p*

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*mf* It is vain for you to rise up ear - ly, to sit up late, —

*mf* It is vain for you to rise up ear - ly, to sit up late, —

*mf* It is vain for you to rise up ear - ly, to sit up late, —

*mf* It is vain for you to rise up ear - ly, to sit up late, —

*mf* It is vain for you to rise up ear - ly, to sit up late, —

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to eat the bread of sor - rows: for so he giv - eth his be - lov - ed

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