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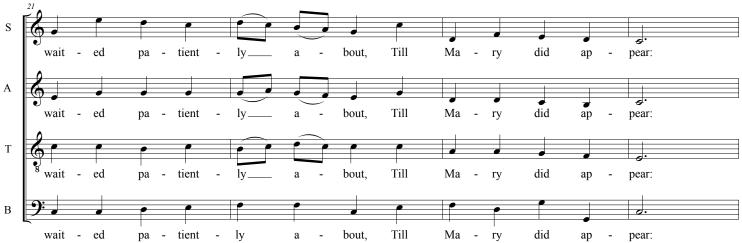
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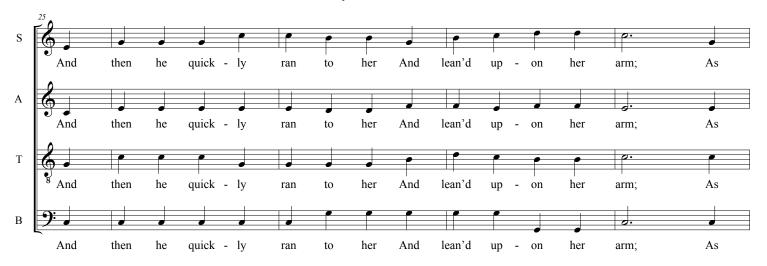


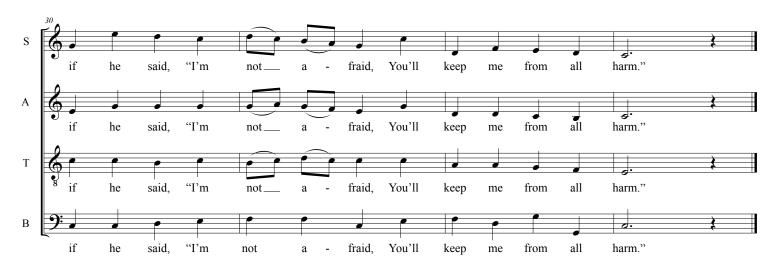


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Ephraim Timothy Hildebrand (1866-1931) was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, and was raised in a Mennonite family. His mother taught him to sing as soon as he could talk. He was educated in public school and studied music education at Shenandoah College and Seminary. He later studied under some of the most prominent music teachers of the era including James Ruebush, Benjamin Unseld, P. J. Merges, George and Frederick Root, C. B. Shaw, F. H. Tubbs and others. He began teaching singing schools in the summer months during his college studies. He was named principal of the Dayton (VA) Music School, and then became Director of Music at Bridgewater College, Virginia. He owned the Hildebrand-Burnette music publishing company in Waynesboro, Virginia, and helped edit several music books. In the early 20th century he pursued a more classical career in New York City. He died in High Point, North Carolina. He wrote many gospel hymns, part songs and choruses.

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