

Commissioned in 2015 for the Song Company by Irene and Ken Hendricks,  
in honour of their mothers, Therese Anichini and Dorothy Hendricks

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# GOD BE WITH THE MOTHER

SSATB a cappella

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Like plainchant (♩ = 72)

Soprano 1 *p* *mf* *p*  
O God be with the mother her child,

Soprano 2 *p* *mf* *p*  
O God the mother As she car-ried her child,

Alto *p* *mf* *p*  
O God be with the mother As she car-ried her child,

7 (♩ = ♩)  
S1. may she car-ry her soul As her child was born, may she give birth and life and form to her  
S2. may she car-ry her soul As her child was born, may she give birth and life and form to her  
A. may she car-ry her soul As her child was born, may she give birth and life and form to her

13 **A**  
S1. own high - er truth *mf* O God be with the  
S2. own high truth *mf* O God  
A. own high - er truth *mf* O  
T. *mp* ooh  
B. *mp* ooh