



# Choral Music Leaflets

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For Hugh Shelton, Anthony Harvey and the Chapel Choir of the Bluecoat School, Birmingham

### THE BALLAD OF THE JUDAS TREE

For solo or unison voices and keyboard

Words by Ruth Etchells \*

Music by Richard Lloyd

Con espressione tempo sostenuto 58 *mp*

VOICES

PIANO or ORGAN *p*

In

*Red.* *simile*

Hell there grew a Judas tree Where Judas hang'd and died, Because he could not

bear to see His Master cru-ci - fied. The Lord descended in-to Hell And



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found his Ju-das there, For ev-er hanging on the tree Grown from his own des-

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pair. \_\_\_\_\_

*ten.*

*poco*

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Optional Descant

So Je-sus cut his Jud-as down And took him in His

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*poco a poco cresc.*

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\*Organ: adapt as necessary

arm; It was for this I came, He said, And not to do you harm, My

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*f*

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Father gave Me twelve good men, And all of them I've kept, — Tho' one betray'd and

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*dim.*

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one denied, Some fled and o - thers slept.

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*ten.*

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*mf*  
In threedays' time I

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*mp*  
must return to make to other's good, but first I had to come to Hell And

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share the death you had. My Tree will grow in place of yours, its roots strike here as

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well: There is no final victory, Without this soul from Hell.

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So when we all condemn him, As of ev'ry traitor

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worst, Re-mem-ber that of all His men Our Lord for-gave him

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first, Our Lord for-gave him first.

*rit.* *p* *ten.* *molto* *a tempo*



*pp*

*optional humming*

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*rit. e dim.*

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