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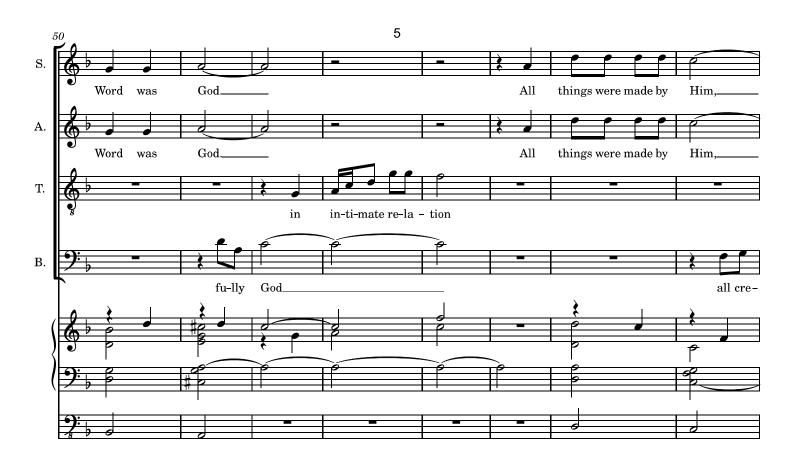
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This setting of the opening verses of the Gospel of John uses text different translations and paraphrases of the Bible. In addition to the Authorised King James' Version and the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, the following translations and paraphrases were used to source words, phrases and ideas: The Amplified Bible (Classic Edition); The Expanded Bible; God's Word Translation; The Good News Translation; The International Children's Bible; The Living Bible; The Message; The New English Translation; The New International Version (UK edition); The New Life Version; The Passion Translation; The Voice and The Wycliffe Bible.

The main lyric (taken primarily from the Authorised Version, the Revised Standard Version and Literal translations of the Bible) has a very simple "melody" which is introduced in the first section. This text and melody are repeated in the second section, this time with additional phrases and words taken from a range of Bible translations and paraphrases to amplify the meaning of the text.

Dynamic markings etc. in the organ part are included as a guide for organists to interpret in relation to the features and capabilities of the instrument being played.

In the beginning the Word was with God.
The Word was in the beginning and the Word was God.
All things were made by Him, nothing made was made without Him.
In Him was life, which was the Light of men.

In the beginning (before all time, before anything existed)
the Word (God's revelation of himself, the Living Expression) was with God.

The Word was in the beginning (ever present, always alive)
and the Word was God (fully God, in intimate relation).

All things were made by Him, (all creation, the entire cosmos)
nothing made was made without Him (nough tbirthed, not even one thing came into being).

In Him was life (the source of life, eternal life),
which was the Light of men (a Light to live by, for all the people of the world).

Christ is the Word, the expression of God. His Light shines on for ever - the dark will never put it out.