

Gentle Words

Humility Song

Traditional Shaker
Polly M. Rupe, 1826-1875

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With a lilt (♩. = 56)

Part I *mf*

Part II *mf*

Piano *mf*

5

dew is to the flow-er, gen-tle words are to the soul,
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The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system shows the vocal parts (I and II) and piano accompaniment. The piano part has a tempo marking 'With a lilt (♩. = 56)' and a dynamic marking 'mf'. The vocal parts are marked 'Part I mf' and 'Part II mf'. The lyrics for the first system are 'What the'. The second system continues the piano accompaniment and the vocal parts. The lyrics for the second system are 'dew is to the flow-er, gen-tle words are to the soul, and a'. A large 'PREVIEW' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the score.

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I
and so dear to the re-ceive-r, we should

II
bless - ing to the giv-er, we should

13

I
nev - er with-hold. *mp* Gen-tle words, kind - ly

II
nev - er with-hold. *mp* Gen - tle

mp

17

I spo-ken, of-ten soothe the trou - bled mind, while links of love are

II words, soothe the mind, love is

21

I bro - ken by words that are un - kind. O thou

II bro - ken by words un - kind.

mf

25

gen - tle, lov - ing spir - it, my con - stant guard - ian be, "Do to

mf

Gen - tle spir - it, guard - ian be,

29

oth - ers," be my mot - to, "as I'd have them do to me."

"Do to oth - ers, as I'd have them do to me."

33

A little faster (♩. = 62)
mp

Words of

mp

Words of

A little faster (♩. = 62)
mp

37

friend - ship, words of peace, — words of

friend - ship, words of peace, — words of

41

cresc.

hope and care, _____ shar - ing words of

hope and care, _____ shar - ing words of

cresc.

cresc.

45

f

com - fort, words of love, _____ spread - ing

com - fort, words of love, _____ spread - ing

f

f