

Precious Lord

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Music and words: Thomas Dorsey

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The musical score consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the vocal parts: Soprano A (S) in soprano clef and Tenor B (T) in bass clef. The bottom two staves are for the piano: Treble staff for the right hand and Bass staff for the left hand. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts enter at measure 1, singing "Pre- cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand", followed by a piano solo. The vocal parts return at measure 6, singing "weak, I am worn"; "Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the". The piano accompaniment features sustained notes and chords. Measures 12-16 show a melodic line for the vocal parts with lyrics "light", "Take my hand, pre - cious Lord", "Lead me on. (Lead me on.) When my". The piano accompaniment includes dynamic markings like *Dim.* and *mp*. Measures 17-21 continue with the vocal parts and piano accompaniment, with lyrics "When my life is way grows drear, (yes) pre - cious Lord (just) lin - ger near, (oh) When my life, my life is way grows drear, yes pre - cios Lord lin - ger near, oh When my life, When my life is". Measures 22-26 conclude with the vocal parts and piano accompaniment, with lyrics "al - most all just al- most gone"; "Hear my cry, (Lord) hear my call, (just) Hold my al - most gone, yes al - most gone; Hear my cry, hear my call just Hold my all just al- most gone, yes al - most gone; Hear my cry, Lord hear my call, just Hold my". Measure 27 ends with a final piano chord.

27

Dim.

hand, lest I fall, (Lord) Take my hand, (my) pre- cious Lord, (and) lead me
hand, lest I fall, yes Take my hand, pre- cious Lord, and lead me
hand, lest I fall, Take my hand pre- cious Lord, Lord lead me

31

on. (Lead me on.) When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near, And the
on.

37

day is past and gone; At the ri - ver, Lord I
day, And the day is past and gone, the day is gone; At the ri - ver Lord I

42

Dim.

stand, (just) Guide my feet, hold my hand, (yes) Take my hand, (my) pre- cious
stand, just Guide my feet, and hold my hand, Take my hand, pre- cious Lord,

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Lord, Lead me on, Take my hand (my) pre- cious Lord, Lead me on
Take my hand, pre- cious Lord, Lord, Lead me on