

*The World is Like
the Vapor in a Desert*

for SSAA Choir

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Andante

2 4

Soprano 1
mp The world is

Soprano 2
The world is

Alto 1

Alto 2
mp ...the world is like the va- por in a de- sert ...the world is like

6 8

Soprano 1
but a show, vain and

Soprano 2
but a show, vain and

Alto 1
vain and emp- ty, ...show

Alto 2
the va- por in a de- sert, ...a va- por ...the world is like the

10 12

Soprano 1
emp- ty, ...The world...

Soprano 2
emp- ty, a mere no- thing,

Alto 1
a mere no- thing,

Alto 2
va- por in a de- sert, ...a mere no- thing, ...vain and empty, ..a show

14 16

Soprano 1 is... ..bear-ing the semblance of re-a-li-ty.

Soprano 2 ..bear-ing the semblance of re-a-li-ty.

Alto 1 ...but a show,..bear-ing the semblance of re-a-li-ty. ...a

Alto 2 ...theworld is like the va-por in a de- sert,...theworld is like the

18 20

Soprano 1 The world... *mf*

Soprano 2 *mf* Set not your af- fec- tions

Alto 1 va- por in a de- sert, ...va-por *mf* Set not your af- fec- tions

Alto 2 va- por in a de- sert, ...va por The world...

22 24 26

Soprano 1 *cresc.* The world... *mp* The world is but a show,

Soprano 2 *cresc.* on it. The world... *mp* ...vain andemp- ty,

Alto 1 *cresc.* on it. the world *mp* ...vain andemp- ty,

Alto 2 *cresc.* The world ...the world is like the va- por in the de- sert like a vapor... *f mp* *2* *gliss*