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The wind's word,

The wind's word,

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Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Piano

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Alan Stringer, 8640 Horacio Pl., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. Please include the name of your chorus.
as well it should since praise is what God is for. Why didn't they call my

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father Hallelujah instead of Eben-ezer?

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Eben, of course, was Christened Ebenezer, product of Nova Scotia (hallelujah).

Daniel, a country doctor, was his father and my father.
was his tenth and final boy. A baby and

last, he had a baby's praise: red petti-coat, red cheeks, and crow-black hair. A
boy has little to say about his hair and little about a

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name like Ebenezer except that he can shorten neither. Praise

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God for that, for that shout Hallelujah. Shout

God for that, for that shout Hallelujah. Shout

God for that, for that shout Hallelujah. Shout

Slower

Hallelujah for everything a boy can be that is not his
But father or grandfather.

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brand of hair to one more perfectly defenseless boy, dubbing him John or

James or Ebenezer, but never as far as I know, Hal-le-lu-jah, as if
God didn't need quite that much praise. But what I'm coming to:

could I ever praise my father half enough for being a father who

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could I ever praise my father half enough for being a father who
let me be myself. Sing hallelujah. Preacher he was with a

prophet's head of hair and what but a prophet's name was Ebenezer,

Slowing slightly
However little I guessed it as a boy? Outlandish names, of course, are never a boy's choice. And it takes time to learn to praise. Stone of Help is the meaning of
Eben-ezer. Stone of Help, what fit-ter name for my fa-ther? Al-ways the stone of Help how-ev-er his hair might grad-u-ate from black to Halle-lu-jah.
is the old drama of boy and father. Praise from a
gray head now with thinning hair. Sing Ebenezer.

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gray head now with thinning hair. Sing Ebenezer.

Robert, sing Hallelujah!

Robert, sing Hallelujah!

Robert, sing Hallelujah!

Robert, sing Hallelujah!