

For Jennifer Haywood

Before the Bread

English Folk Blessing

Elizabeth Alexander

Simply, lyrically

Tutti

mp

Be - fore the bread the mill, Be - fore the mill the___

for rehearsal only

Tutti

5

grain,___ Be - fore the grain the sun and rain, the beau - ty of God's

I/II

9

mp **A**

will. Be - fore the bread the mill, Be - fore the mill the___

will. Be - fore the bread the

13

I/II

III/IV

grain, Be - fore the grain the sun and rain, the beau - ty of God's

mill, Be - fore the mill the grain, Be - fore the grain the

13

17

mp **B**

I

will. Be - fore the bread the mill, Be - fore the mill the

II

will. Be - fore the bread the

17

III

sun and rain, the beau - ty of God's will.

IV

sun and rain, the beau - ty of God's will.