Title of Piece -Ad Astra

Name of Composer- Jacob Narverud

Composer Nationality American (Kansas)

Approximate Date Composed 2019

Salient characteristics:

   Melody-

   Harmony- A Major, lots of pentatonic scale, use of dissonance occasionally to add energy, changes key to B major

   Rhythm- 6/8 time, driving rhythms, duple/triples, dotted rhythmes

   Form-A/B/ABridge A (new key), some development in bridge

   Texture- unison and octaves, some imitation

   Voicing or instrumentation- SATB no divisi- needs great pianist

   Text- taken from State Motto of Kansas

   Language- Latin and English

   Other interesting compositional devices- estrememusage of dynamics, crescendos

Challenges- Keeping piece energized, clean text and diction, clean dotted rhythms, implementing and maintaining crescendos/decrescendos throughout

See Dr. B’s score for breath markings and releases.