

# *Nay, Speak No Ill #233*

with enhanced piano - and vocal counter melody

Thoughtfully

Text and music: Anon., ca. 1853

Vocal

Optional vocal counter melody - suggested for verses 2 and/or 3

Piano 1

Enhanced piano accompaniment - or use with organ SATB as a piano/organ (check organ tuning dial) duet accompaniment

SATB

Piano 2 or Organ - as in current hymnbook of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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2. Give me the heart \_\_\_\_\_ that fain would hide, Would fain an - oth - er's faults ef - face.  
3. Then speak no ill, \_\_\_\_\_ but le - nient be To oth - ers' fail - ings as your own.

Pno. 1

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SATB

Nay, speak no ill; \_\_\_\_\_ a kind - ly word hide, Can nev - er leave \_\_\_\_\_ a sting be - hind;  
Give me the heart \_\_\_\_\_ that fain would hide, Would fain an - oth - er's faults ef - face.  
Then speak no ill, \_\_\_\_\_ but le - nient be To oth - ers' fail - ings as your own.

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How can it please the hu - man pride To prove hu - man - i - ty but base? No,  
If you're the first a fault to see, Be not the first to make it known, For

Pno. 1

SATB

And, oh, to breathe each tale we've heard Is far be - neath a no - ble mind. Full  
How can it please the hu - man pride To prove hu - man - i - ty but base? No,  
If you're the first a fault to see, Be not the first to make it known, For

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let us reach a high - er mood, A no - bler es - ti - mate of man; Be  
life is but a pass - ing day; No lip may tell how brief its span. Then,

Pno. 1

SATB

oft a bet - ter seed is sown By choos - ing thus the kind - er plan, For,  
let life is reach a high - er mood, No lip may tell how brief its span. Be  
life is but a pass - ing day; No lip may tell how brief its span. Then,

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ear-nest in the search for good, And speak of all the best we can. 1, 2. 3.

oh, the lit - tle time we stay, Let's speak of all the best we can. best we can.

Pno. 1

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if but lit - tle good is known, Still let us speak the best we can. 1, 2. 3.

ear-nest oh, the lit - tle search for good, stay, And speak of all the best we can. best we can.

SATB

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if but lit - tle good is known, Still let us speak the best we can. 1, 2. 3.

ear-nest oh, the lit - tle search for good, stay, And speak of all the best we can. best we can.

**Suggestions for Use**

Verse 1: Sing main melody

Verse 2: Sing main melody with enhanced piano.

Verse 3: Singer(s) sing countermelody alone one time through. Congregation joins in for a second time through.



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