

JUDITH SHATIN

The Best Angel in Heaven

2-Part Treble Choir & Piano



Program Notes: *The Best Angel in Heaven*

I composed *The Best Angel in Heaven*, for unison chorus or soloist and piano in the cruel month of April, 2020, in memory of Sandra Santos-Vizcaino, the wonderful third-grade teacher at PS 9 in Brooklyn, NY who passed away from Covid-19. I did so because I was so touched by the memory page devoted to her, marked by the love and sadness of so many whose lives she touched. She was clearly not only a great teacher, but a woman of extraordinary character, kindness and compassion. I wish I could have known her. I have based the lyrics on phrases drawn from these memories of love for her and of distress at losing so dear a person. For this version, I added harmony, for performance by a two-part treble chorus or duet. –JS

Lyrics

You are my fav'rite teacher.
You will stay with me forever.
I will always love and miss you.
I will love you no matter what,
no matter what.

You are the kindest, smartest, funniest,
You are the best teacher ever.
You are the best angel in Heaven,
Angel in Heaven.

You loved us all equally,
We were part of your family.
We miss your warm hugs,
We miss your sweet treats.

You will always be in my heart.
It is the hardest loss,
The hardest loss.

You were always a hugger,
You were like our owl.
Always a leader,
Always smiling,
You were like our own Athena, Athena.

You are safe in star clan now.
You are safe in star clan.

You are the best angel in Heaven,
in Heaven, in Heaven.

The Best Angel in Heaven

In Memory of Sandra Santos-Vizcaino
To PS 9, NYC

Lyrics by Judith Shatin
Based on memories of students & colleagues

Judith Shatin

♩ = 72

Treble Chorus

Mezzo-Soprano

Piano

You are my fav' - rite

You are my fav' - rite

sim.

Mezzo

4

teach - er. You will stay with me for - ev - er. I will al - ways

teach - er. You will stay with me for - ev - er. I will al - ways

Pno.

Mezzo

8

love and miss you. I will love you no mat - ter what,

love and miss you. I will love you no mat - ter what,

Pno.

The Best Angel in Heaven

2

Mezzo

no mat - ter what! You are the kind - est, smart - est, fun - ni - est,

Pno.

Mezzo

You are the best teach - er e - ver. — You are the best an - gel in Heav - en.

Pno.

Mezzo

an - gel in heav - en — You loved us all e - qual - ly,

Pno.

Mezzo

We were part of your fam - i - ly, We miss your warm hugs, we miss your sweet treats.

Pno.

26

Mezzo

You will al - ways be in my heart. It is the hard - est loss,

Pno.

30

Mezzo

hard - est loss. You were al - ways a hug - ger.

Pno.

34

Mezzo

You were like our owl. Al - ways a lead - er, Al - ways smil - ing

Pno.

38

Mezzo

You were like our own A - the - na, A - the - na. You are safe in

Pno.

The Best Angel in Heaven

4
42

Mezzo

star - clan now, You are safe in star - clan

Pno.

46

Mezzo

You are the best an - gel in heav - en,

Pno.

49

Mezzo

in heav en, in heav - en.

rallentando

Pno.