

Foreword

These volumes may serve several purposes for the violinist:

First, they may be used as immediate sources of solo or duet literature—with an added advantage: since one part is melody taken directly from the hymn book, that melody can be performed by any instrument—or simply by piano, synthesizer or organ—as the violin plays the obbligato.

Second, they may be used as etude materials in private lessons. Mastering these obbligatos will facilitate technique—with an added advantage: once they are learned, the player will have a large repertory of familiar music that can be used at church nearly every Sunday of the year.

Design

The melody—in the range of the congregational soprano—always appears first, with the obbligato second. If the two are used as a duet, the melody should be played as written. If played with congregational singing or church orchestra, the melody should be played an octave higher for purposes of projection.

Difficulty

Church string specialist William Robinson has recommended D above the treble staff as the highest practical note for the church violinist. Whenever the obbligato exceeds that range, there are optional notes, usually an octave lower. Even though the obbligatos were designed for mature players—such as those whose names appear over the titles—several are attainable by players of limited experience. As that experience grows, so will the number of pieces that are playable.

Balance

One violinist should be heard easily over a choir or small congregation. If used with a large congregation or an instrumental ensemble, it is best to amplify the violinist. In many church orchestras, strings and woodwinds are amplified as a matter of course.

Accompaniment

There are no accompaniments here. The obbligatos fit the harmonies of typical hymnbooks, and so an organist or pianist who plays accurately from the hymnal will provide all the accompaniment necessary.

Dynamics

Other than an occasional *crescendo* or *decrescendo* there are no dynamics included here. In most instances the sensitive violinist will know how loudly to play because of the relative strength of the environment.

—Doug Smith

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to In Sang Cho
All the Way My Savior Leads Me
ALL THE WAY

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score is written for a Hymn Tune and an Obbligato. The Hymn Tune is in the upper staff, and the Obbligato is in the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The score consists of four systems of two staves each. The Hymn Tune is written in a simple, melodic style, while the Obbligato is more complex, featuring various musical ornaments such as trills, grace notes, and slurs. The Obbligato begins with a trill on the first note, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The Hymn Tune begins with a trill on the first note, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The Obbligato includes various musical ornaments such as trills, grace notes, and slurs. The Hymn Tune includes various musical ornaments such as trills, grace notes, and slurs.

to Todd Greve
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
HOLY MANNA

Columbian Harmony, 1825

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with two staves. The top staff of each system is the Hymn Tune, and the bottom staff is the Obbligato. Both are in the key of D major (one sharp) and common time (C). The Hymn Tune consists of a single melodic line. The Obbligato provides a harmonic accompaniment, often using chords and moving lines. The first system shows the beginning of the piece. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system features more complex rhythmic patterns in the Obbligato, including sixteenth-note runs. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence in both parts.

to Dan Mason
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score is presented in four systems. Each system consists of two staves: the top staff for the Hymn Tune and the bottom staff for the Obbligato. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The Hymn Tune is a simple melody, while the Obbligato provides a more complex, rhythmic accompaniment. The score begins with a 'V' marking above the first measure of the Hymn Tune. The piece concludes with a final measure for both parts, marked with a 'V' above the Obbligato staff.

to Joshua Bell
For the Beauty of the Earth
DIX

Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Hymn Tune' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Obbligato'. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (three flats) and common time (C). The Hymn Tune part consists of a single melodic line. The Obbligato part features a more complex, rhythmic accompaniment. The first system shows the beginning of the piece, with the Hymn Tune starting on a half note G4 and the Obbligato starting with a half rest followed by a quarter note G4. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence, marked by a double bar line. The Obbligato part includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings (e.g., 'v' for accents).

to David Bullock
How Great Thou Art
O STORE GUD

Swedish Folk Melody
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score is written for a Hymn Tune and an Obbligato. The Hymn Tune is in G major (one sharp) and common time. The Obbligato is also in G major and common time. The score is divided into four systems, each with two staves. The Hymn Tune is on the top staff, and the Obbligato is on the bottom staff. The Obbligato includes various musical ornaments such as grace notes, trills, and slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

to Jim Ailor and the Yoido Baptist Church Orchestra

I Know Whom I Have Believed

EL NATHAN

James McGranahan (1840-1907)

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score is presented in four systems. Each system consists of two staves: the top staff is the Hymn Tune and the bottom staff is the Obbligato. The key signature has two flats (B-flat major), and the time signature is 4/4. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, beams, and slurs. A small 'V' mark is placed above the first measure of the Obbligato staff in each system.

to Carolyn Toll
It Is Well with My Soul
VILLE DU HAVRE

Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a Hymn Tune staff (treble clef) and an Obbligato staff (bass clef). The time signature is 4/4. The Hymn Tune part is a simple melody, while the Obbligato part provides a more complex accompaniment. The Obbligato staff includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings (V). The score is written in black ink on a white background.

to Myong Joo Kim
Jesus Loves Me
CHINA

William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff, labeled 'Hymn Tune', is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 2/4 time signature. It contains five measures of music. The bottom staff, labeled 'Obbligato', is in treble clef with the same key signature and time signature. It contains five measures of music, including a whole note chord in the first measure and a half note chord in the fifth measure.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The top staff continues the hymn tune with five measures, including a half note chord in the fourth measure and a half note chord in the fifth measure. The bottom staff continues the obbligato with five measures, including a half note chord in the fourth measure and a half note chord in the fifth measure.

The third system of music consists of two staves. The top staff continues the hymn tune with five measures, including a half note chord in the second measure and a half note chord in the fourth measure. The bottom staff continues the obbligato with five measures, including a half note chord in the second measure and a half note chord in the fourth measure.

to Mary Beth Ions
Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
CANONBURY

Robert A. Schumann (1810-1856)

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of two staves. The upper staff is labeled 'Hymn Tune' and the lower staff is labeled 'Obbligato'. Both staves are in treble clef, 2/4 time, and key of B-flat major (two flats). The first system begins with a 'V' marking above the first measure of both staves. The Hymn Tune staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The Obbligato staff contains a bass line with eighth and quarter notes, including a sharp sign in the second measure. The second system continues the melody and bass line. The Hymn Tune staff ends with a half note. The Obbligato staff has a 'V' marking above the third measure and ends with a half note. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

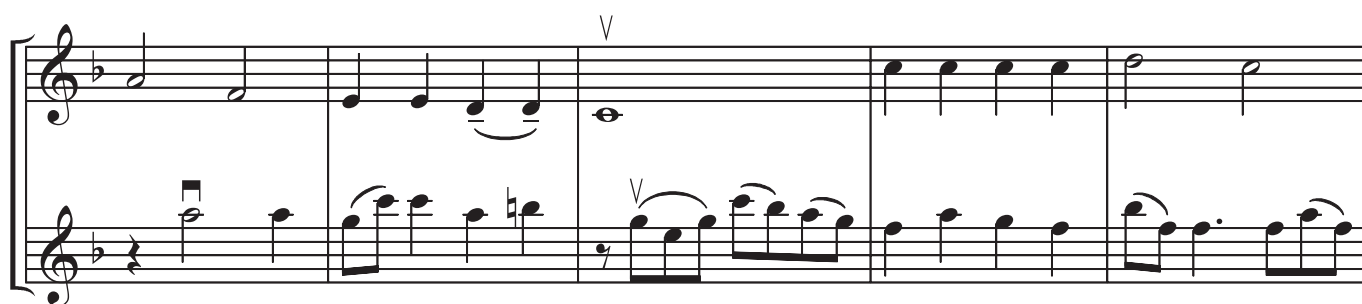
to Lorna Larson
Like a River Glorious
WYE VALLEY

James Mountain (1844-1933)

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato



to Melanie Kupchynsky Harrison
More Love to Thee, O Christ
MORE LOVE TO THEE

William H. Doane (1832-1915)

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a Hymn Tune staff and an Obbligato staff. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is common time (C). The Hymn Tune is written in a soprano clef, and the Obbligato is written in a bass clef. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests, along with slurs and dynamic markings like 'V' for crescendo. The first system shows the beginning of the piece. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system shows a more complex accompaniment pattern. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence.

to Hays, Carrie and Linda Birkhead

Praise Him! Praise Him!

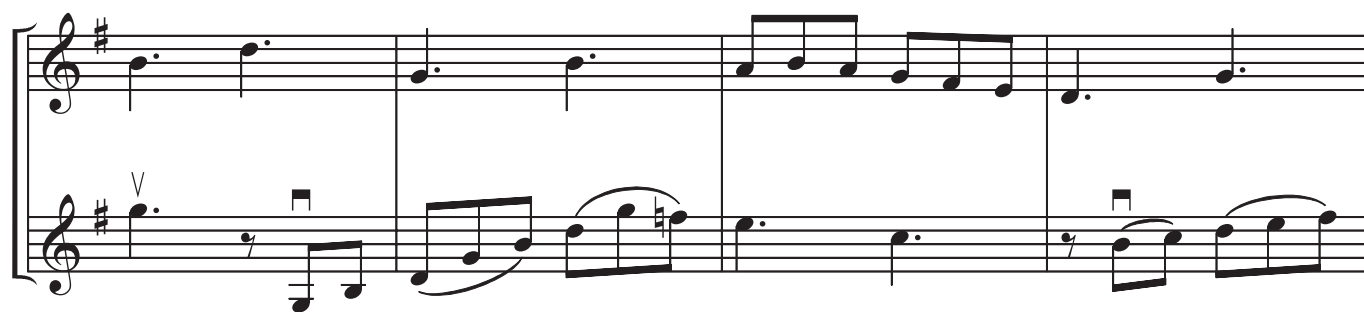
JOYFUL SONG

Chester G. Allen (1838-1878)

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato



to Kang Il Lee and the Orchestras of Suwon Central Baptist Church

The Lily of the Valley

SALVATIONIST

William S. Hayes (1837-1907)

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score is presented in four systems. Each system consists of two staves: the top staff is the Hymn Tune in a treble clef, and the bottom staff is the Obbligato in a bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat major), and the time signature is common time (C). The Hymn Tune part is marked with a 'V' above the first and third measures of each system. The Obbligato part features various musical notations, including slurs, ties, and a trill in the final system.

to Megan Hord
When Love Is Found
O WALY WALY

Traditional English Melody
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

V

V

V