

Foreword

The volumes in this series may serve several purposes for the violinist:

Use

First, the settings may be used as sources of solo or duet literature, with one added advantage: since each is fashioned according to a hymn melody, the melody itself may be performed by any instrument while the violin (or flute) plays the obbligato. Second, each may serve as an etude, with one important advantage: once learned, it may be used to enhance congregational singing in church.

Design

The melody 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 a group, the melody should be played *8va*.

Range

When the pitch exceeds D above the treble staff, there are optional notes. The music is designed for mature players, but even then alternatives are provided.

Accompaniment

There are no accompaniments provided. The obbligatos fit standard harmonies, and so the keyboardist merely plays from the hymnal.

Additional Instructions

It should be noted that there are no dynamics except for occasional *crescendo* or *decrescendo* indications. The sensitive violinist will know how loudly to play relative to the music or worship setting. The sporadic inclusion of brackets (—) is an indication of the beginning of the refrain when such is present.

—*Douglas Smith*

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to Amy Isbell

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

to Cara Lee Smith

All Things Bright and Beautiful

SPOHR

German Melody
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

to Clayton Nance

Built on the Rock

KIRKEN

Ludwig M. Lindeman (1812-1887)
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The top staff is labeled "Hymn Tune" and features a simple melody in common time (indicated by a 'C') with a key signature of two flats. The second staff is labeled "Obbligato" and shows a more complex harmonic progression with a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, also in common time and two flats. The remaining three staves continue this pattern, providing harmonic support for the hymn tune. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

to Mary Beth Mueller

Christian Hearts, in Love United

CASSELL

German Melody
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score consists of four systems of music. The first system contains two staves: the top staff is labeled "Hymn Tune" and the bottom staff is labeled "Obbligato". Both staves are in common time (indicated by a "4") and G major (indicated by a "G"). The Hymn Tune staff features a simple melody with quarter notes and eighth-note pairs. The Obbligato staff features a more complex, sixteenth-note based melody. The subsequent three systems only contain the Obbligato part, which continues with the same melodic line and sixteenth-note patterns across both staves.

*to Jay-Martin Pinner***Faith of Our Fathers**

ST. CATHERINE

Henri F. Hemy (1818-1888)
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

The musical score consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time, key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff, labeled "Hymn Tune", contains a simple melody with eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff, labeled "Obbligato", features a more complex harmonic line with sixteenth-note patterns and grace notes. The third and fourth staves are blank, likely indicating additional voices or instruments.

to Katherine Granillo

Grace Greater than Our Sin

MOODY

Daniel B. Towner (1850-1919)
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The top staff is labeled "Hymn Tune" and features a simple melody with quarter and eighth notes. The second staff is labeled "Obbligato" and contains a more complex harmonic and rhythmic pattern. The subsequent three staves continue this pattern, with the Obbligato part providing harmonic support to the Hymn Tune. The music is in common time and uses a treble clef. Measure lines divide the music into measures, and vertical bar lines indicate the progression of the music across the staves.

to Rachel Borengasser

I Am Thine, O Lord

I AM THINE

William H. Doane (1832-1915)
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

The musical score consists of four staves of music, each in common time (indicated by '4') and major key (indicated by a single sharp sign). The top staff is labeled 'Hymn Tune' and features a simple melody with eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff is labeled 'Obbligato' and contains a more complex, rhythmic pattern with sixteenth-note figures and grace notes. The third and fourth staves continue this pattern, maintaining the same melodic and harmonic structure as the first two staves.

to Valerie Patton

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN

English Melody
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

The musical score consists of four systems of music. The top system shows the 'Hymn Tune' in treble clef and common time, with a key signature of one flat. The bottom system shows the 'Obbligato' in treble clef and common time, also with a key signature of one flat. The music features various note values, rests, and dynamic markings like 'v' and 'p'. The Obbligato part includes several sixteenth-note patterns and grace notes.

to Richard Amoroso

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Welsh Melody

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

The musical score consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (indicated by '4').

- Hymn Tune:** The top staff contains a simple melody with quarter notes and eighth-note pairs. It features slurs and a fermata over the fourth measure.
- Obbligato:** The second staff contains a more complex melodic line with sixteenth-note patterns and slurs. It includes dynamic markings like a 'V' above the staff and a fermata over the fourth measure.
- Continuo:** The third staff contains a harmonic line consisting mostly of quarter notes and eighth-note pairs, providing harmonic support.
- Bass:** The bottom staff contains a harmonic line consisting mostly of quarter notes and eighth-note pairs, providing harmonic support at a lower pitch level.

The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Measures 1-4 are identical for all staves. Measures 5-8 show the continuation of the Hymn Tune and Obbligato parts, with the Continuo and Bass parts remaining harmonic supports. Measure 9 shows a change in the bass line, indicated by a different bass clef and note heads.

*to Sandy Young***Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands**

AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE

French Melody
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score consists of four systems of music. The first system contains two staves: the top staff is labeled "Hymn Tune" and the bottom staff is labeled "Obbligato". The subsequent three systems only contain the "Obbligato" staff, which is divided into two parts by a brace. Each part has its own staff. The music is in common time (indicated by a "2" above the staff). A treble clef is positioned at the beginning of each staff. Measures are separated by vertical bar lines. The "Obbligato" part features eighth-note patterns with various rests and grace notes.

to Matthew, Patrick and Elliot Lane

King of Kings

KING OF KINGS

Hebrew Melody
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

This system contains two staves. The top staff is labeled "Hymn Tune" and the bottom staff is labeled "Obbligato". Both staves are in treble clef and 4/4 time. The Hymn Tune staff has a key signature of one flat. It features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes with dynamic markings like '>' and '>'. The Obbligato staff also has a key signature of one flat and consists of a continuous eighth-note pattern.

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to Anne Yang

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

Welsh Melody
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

The musical score consists of five systems of music. The first system shows the beginning of the Hymn Tune and the start of the Obbligato part. The second system continues the melody. The third system begins with a repeat sign and continues. The fourth system begins with a repeat sign and continues. The fifth system concludes the piece.

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

to Ingri Fowler

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

Welsh Melody
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

The musical score consists of four staves of music, each in common time (indicated by '3') and major key (indicated by a single sharp sign). The first staff, labeled 'Hymn Tune', contains a simple melody with quarter and eighth notes. The second staff, labeled 'Obbligato', features a more complex harmonic pattern with sixteenth-note chords and grace notes. The third and fourth staves are identical, continuing the 'Obbligato' pattern. Measure lines divide the music into four measures per staff. The first measure of the 'Hymn Tune' staff begins with a downward-pointing 'V' symbol.

to Carla Trynchuk

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

Johann Crüger (1598-1662)
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score consists of four systems of music. The first system shows the Hymn Tune (top staff) and the Obbligato (bottom staff). The Hymn Tune staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. It features eighth-note patterns. The Obbligato staff also has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. It includes sixteenth-note patterns and slurs. The second system continues the Obbligato part. The third system begins with a single note on the first staff, followed by the Obbligato part. The fourth system concludes the Obbligato part.

to Helga Lumbrix

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

John Goss (1800-1880)

Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score is divided into six systems. The first system shows the beginning of the Hymn Tune and the start of the Obbligato's sixteenth-note pattern. The second system continues the Hymn Tune and shows the Obbligato's pattern established. The third system introduces a melodic line in the Hymn Tune staff. The fourth system shows the Hymn Tune's melodic line continuing with a dynamic 'V' over the Obbligato's sixteenth-note pattern. The fifth system shows the Hymn Tune's melodic line continuing with a dynamic 'V' over the Obbligato's sixteenth-note pattern. The sixth system concludes the piece with the Hymn Tune's melodic line and the Obbligato's sixteenth-note pattern.

*to Katherine Fuller***Search Me, O God**

ELLERS

Edward J. Hopkins (1818-1901)
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score consists of four systems of music. The first system contains two staves: the top staff is labeled "Hymn Tune" and the bottom staff is labeled "Obbligato". Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The Hymn Tune staff has a simple melody with quarter notes and eighth-note pairs. The Obbligato staff features a more complex, sixteenth-note based melody with various dynamics and slurs. The subsequent three systems only contain the Obbligato staff, continuing the melodic line in G major and 4/4 time.

*to David Dongnuk Kim***Take My Life and Let It Be**

HENDON

Henri H. C. Malan (1787-1864)
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is labeled "Hymn Tune" and the bottom staff is labeled "Obbligato". Both staves are in G clef and 4/4 time. The "Hymn Tune" staff has a key signature of one flat. The "Obbligato" staff has a key signature of one flat. The music consists of various note patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, with some slurs and grace notes.

*to Celeste Myall***To God Be the Glory**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

William H. Doane (1832-1915)
Obbligato by Douglas Smith

Hymn Tune

Obbligato

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The top staff is labeled "Hymn Tune" and contains a simple melody in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. The second staff is labeled "Obbligato" and contains a more complex harmonic progression with various note heads and rests. The remaining four staves continue the "Obbligato" line, showing a mix of eighth and sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings like "p" (piano) and "f" (forte). The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.