

Foreword

Worship. Although in today's church it happens in a wide array of styles and approaches, worship is an essential component of our spiritual experience. From the time of Martin Luther until today, great poets and lyricists have put into words deep and abiding expressions of adoration, praise, faith, devotion, contrition, hope and joy that have inspired, encouraged, and transformed those who would seek to know God, to learn about His love, His plans for our lives, and His promises of our eternal future. These texts have come alive as composers have set them to melodies and harmonizations that make their expression connect with our hearts and lodge in our minds so that the truths expressed therein persist and endure throughout our spiritual journey.

The union of word with music can be so integral and so powerful that eventually one hardly exists without the other. I no longer can read a portion of scripture used in Handel's *Messiah* without hearing the familiar musical setting in my mind's ear. Likewise, when I hear a purely instrumental performance of a familiar hymn tune or chorus, I instantly recall the words that have become inseparably linked to the music, and I am drawn more deeply into the expression of that text. It is for that reason that the source music for this series remains the familiar hymns and songs of the faith.

As you prepare to perform these arrangements, I urge you to consider the texts of these great hymns. It is my hope that in performance you will strive to lead the listener to a genuine worship experience, undistracted by the technical demands or musical devices of the arrangements. It is my prayer that you will find that these arrangements enhance and expand the expression and intent of the original text settings, and that they will serve you well as a tool in your own ministry as a performer of sacred music.

—Brant Adams

About the Arranger

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CD Information

The Performance/Accompaniment CD contained in this book is intended to be used as a rehearsal tool or, if desired, a performance resource. It should assist in the interpretation of each arrangement and enable both pianist and instrumental soloist to better utilize their shared rehearsal times. This same CD also includes data files for the solo instrumental parts. You will need a PDF reader to open these files. You may download Adobe's free Acrobat Reader from www.adobe.com/reader.

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Christians, We Have Met to Worship

Arranged by **Brant Adams**

Tune: **HOLY MANNA**

from *Columbian Harmony*, 1825;

attr. **William Moore**, 19th c.

Peacefully ♩ = ca. 84

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mp

mp

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It is in 4/4 time and the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The tempo is marked 'Peacefully' with a quarter note equal to approximately 84 beats per minute. The score is divided into three systems. The first system shows the vocal line and the piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right hand with chords and a left hand with a steady eighth-note pattern. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with more complex chordal textures. The third system introduces a vocal line with eighth-note patterns, while the piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth notes. Dynamics include 'mp' (mezzo-piano) for the piano accompaniment.

10 *rit.* With energy ♩ = ca. 144

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rit. *mp*

14 *mf*

cresc. *mf*

18 ♩ = ♩

♩ = ♩

21

24

24

27

27

mf

f

31

31

mf

f

35

35

mf

Be Thou My Vision/ My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Arranged by **Brant Adams**
Tunes: SLANE,
Traditional Irish Melody, and
RESIGNATION
from *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Happily ♩ = ca. 132

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Happily' with a quarter note equal to approximately 132 beats per minute. The piano part begins with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic. The first system (measures 1-4) shows the vocal line entering with a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the piano provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The third system (measures 9-12) concludes the piece with a final vocal phrase and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes various musical notations such as chords, arpeggios, and melodic lines in both the right and left hands.

13 *V*

13 *V*

17 *f*

17 *f*

21 *mf*

21 *mf*

24

24

27

mp *cresc.*

30

mp *cresc.*

33

rit. *f rit.*

36

Gently flowing $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$ *mf* *mp*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Arranged by **Brant Adams**

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG

by **Martin Luther**

Brightly, with energy ♩ = ca. 112

marcato

12

mf *legato*

16

mf *cresc.*

20

legato *mp* *f* *mp*

24

mf *mf*

28

mp *mf*

32

f *mf*

36

mf *mp* *mf*

40

f *mf* *f mp* *mf*

Now Thank We All Our God/ Let All Things Now Living

27

Arranged by **Brant Adams**
Tunes: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT by **Johann Crüger**, 1647,
and ASH GROVE, Traditional Welsh Melody

Gently ♩ = ca. 88

mp

5

legato
mp

9

13

16 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

poco rit. *a tempo*

19 *mf*

mf

22 *mf*

mf

25 *rit.* *mf* *rit.*

rit. *mf* *rit.*

28 Moderately $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$

mp

Moderately $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$

mp *cresc.* *mf*

33

mf

mp

38

43

mf

Two French Carols

Arranged by **Brant Adams**
 Tunes: PAT-A-PAN, Traditional French Melody
 and IL EST NÉ, Traditional French Melody

Joyfully ♩ = ca. 88

The musical score is written for piano and consists of 16 measures. It is in 2/2 time and the key of B-flat major. The tempo is marked 'Joyfully' with a quarter note equal to approximately 88 beats per minute. The dynamics range from forte (f) to mezzo-forte (mf). The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (4, 8, 12, 16) at the beginning of the first staff. The melody is primarily in the right hand, with some instances of the left hand playing the melody in the final measures. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with various rhythmic patterns and accidentals.

16

20

24

28

mf

mf

This musical score is for measures 16 through 30 of a piece in B-flat major. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be 4/4 based on the notation. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests. There are also dynamic markings like *mf* (mezzo-forte) and articulation marks like accents and slurs. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' in measure 21. The system numbers 16, 20, 24, and 28 are placed at the beginning of their respective systems.

32

32

36

36

40

40

44

44

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place/ The Solid Rock

43

Arranged by **Brant Adams**
Tunes: LANDAS, Norwegian Folk Melody,
and SOLID ROCK by **William B. Bradbury**

Calmly ♩ = ca. 84

Calmly ♩ = ca. 84

mp

mf

6

11

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 1-5) features a vocal line with whole rests and a piano accompaniment. The piano part has a treble staff with a melody of eighth and quarter notes, and a bass staff with chords and single notes. The second system (measures 6-10) continues the piano accompaniment with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The third system (measures 11-15) shows the vocal line with a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte).

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16

f

mf

20

mp

f

mf

24

mp

poco rit.

poco rit.

29

A little faster ♩ = ca. 84

mf

mp

Detailed description of the musical score: The score consists of four systems of music. The first system (measures 16-19) shows a melody in the right hand with a forte (f) dynamic and a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic in the left hand. The second system (measures 20-23) continues the melody with a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic in the left hand, followed by a forte (f) and mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The third system (measures 24-28) features a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic in the left hand and a poco rit. (poco rit.) marking. The fourth system (measures 29-32) begins with a tempo change to 'A little faster' (♩ = ca. 84) and a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic in the left hand, followed by a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic.

Happily ♩ = ca. 96

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34

poco accel.

mf

mf

poco accel.

mf > *mp*

39

44

f

mf

49

ff

f

tr

Were You There?/ There Is a Balm in Gilead

Arranged by **Brant Adams**

Tunes: WERE YOU THERE?

and BALM IN GILEAD,

African American Spirituals

Slowly, tempo ad lib ♩ = ca. 80

legato
mp

4

9 *mf*

14 *mp* sul G

19 *mp*

23 *poco rit.* *mp* *a tempo*

poco rit. *p* *mp a tempo*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into systems. The first system (measures 1-4) is marked 'legato' and 'mp'. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the melody. The third system (measures 9-13) is marked 'mf'. The fourth system (measures 14-18) is marked 'mp' and includes the instruction 'sul G' above the staff. The fifth system (measures 19-22) is marked 'mp'. The sixth system (measures 23-26) is marked 'poco rit.' and 'mp'. The seventh system (measures 27-30) is marked 'poco rit.' and 'p'. The eighth system (measures 31-34) is marked 'mp a tempo' and includes a change in time signature to 2/4 and back to 4/4.

26 *poco accel.*

poco accel.

29 Moving ahead ♩ = ca. 92

Moving ahead ♩ = ca. 92

mf

3 3

32 *mf*

mp

3 3

35 *rit.*

rit.

2/4 2/4

Tempo I ♩ = ca. 80

38

Tempo I ♩ = ca. 80

41

43

With energy (l'istesso tempo)

45

In the Garden/ What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Arranged by **Brant Adams**

Tunes: GARDEN by **C. Austin Miles**, 1912,
and CONVERSE by **Charles C. Converse**, 1868

Moderate gospel feel ♩ = ca. 96

The musical score is written for piano in 3/8 time, featuring a moderate gospel feel with a tempo of approximately 96 beats per minute. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right hand and a left hand. The first system (measures 1-3) begins with a *mf* dynamic. The second system (measures 4-6) includes a *mf* dynamic in the vocal line and a *mp* dynamic in the piano accompaniment. The third system (measures 7-9) continues the melodic development. The fourth system (measures 10-12) concludes the piece with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained bass line in the left hand. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, time signatures, key signatures, dynamics (*mf*, *mp*), and articulation marks.

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13

Musical score for measures 13-15. The system consists of three staves: a single treble staff and a grand staff (treble and bass). The key signature has two flats. Measure 13 shows a melodic line in the treble and a bass line in the bass. Measure 14 features a complex chordal texture in the treble and a moving bass line. Measure 15 continues the melodic and harmonic development.

16

Musical score for measures 16-18. The system consists of three staves. Measure 16 has a melodic line in the treble and a bass line. Measure 17 shows a dense chordal texture in the treble and a moving bass line. Measure 18 continues the melodic and harmonic development.

19

Musical score for measures 19-21. The system consists of three staves. Measure 19 has a melodic line in the treble and a bass line. Measure 20 shows a dense chordal texture in the treble and a moving bass line. Measure 21 continues the melodic and harmonic development. A dynamic marking *mf* is present in measure 21.

22

Musical score for measures 22-24. The system consists of three staves. Measure 22 has a melodic line in the treble and a bass line. Measure 23 shows a dense chordal texture in the treble and a moving bass line. Measure 24 continues the melodic and harmonic development.

25

28

32

36

rit.

rit.

The musical score is written for a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The score is divided into four systems, each starting with a measure number: 25, 28, 32, and 36. The vocal line is in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The music features various note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are several slurs and ties. Dynamic markings include 'rit.' (ritardando) and 'f' (forte). The score ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to C major (no flats).