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Dr. Christopher Kiver is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Pennsylvania State University where he directs the Concert Choir and Glee Club, oversees the graduate choral conducting program, and teaches classes in choral conducting and choral literature. He founded and directed The Orpheus Singers and has appeared as guest conductor of the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra and Altoona Symphony Orchestra.

Christopher Kiver's choirs have performed at numerous state and regional conventions of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and National Association for Music Education (NAfME). Some notable performances include Julia Wolfe's Anthracite Fields with Bang on a Can, appearances with VOCES8 and the Rolling Stones, and a 2025 performance of David Lang's before and after nature with Bang on a Can. The choir also released a live recording of Scott Eggert's MEMORIA, commemorating the end of World War 1. Kiver has worked as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator in the US, UK, Australia, China, and New Zealand.

Dr. Kiver's research interests include conducting pedagogy, working with changing voices, vocal pedagogy through movement, concert programming, and advocating for choral music and diversity. His articles have been published in the American Choral Directors Association's Choral Journal.



Dr. Christopher Kiver, a native of England, has received several notable awards. including a Fulbright Award and a Grammy Award for "Best Choral Performance" and "Best Classical Album" as chorus master for William Bolcom's Songs of Innocence and of Experience. He also received Penn State University's President's Award for Engagement with Students in 2017.

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Fred Bock

Fred Bock was a highly respected church music leader, composer, and publisher. He founded Gentry Publications and Fred Bock Music Company, publishing music for schools, concerts, and churches. As Minister of Music at Hollywood Presbyterian Church for 18 years, he edited the bestselling hymnal "Hymns for the Family of God." A talented conductor and musician, Fred worked on films, TV shows, and recordings. He conducted Disneyland's Candlelight Christmas Concerts and was a studio musician. Fred's legacy includes his music, compositions, arrangements, and the Fred Bock Publishing Group, continuing to inspire musicians and church leaders.



Mark Butler

Dr. Mark Butler earned his undergraduate degree in Music Education from Florida A&M University, an M.M.E. from Florida State University, and a D.M.A. in Choral Conducting from The American Conservatory of Music in Hammond, Indiana. He currently serves as Director of Choral Activities and Studies at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, FL. A frequent guest conductor for concerts, workshops, and conferences nationwide, Dr. Butler is also a published composer and arranger, with works regularly featured at national and international festivals and conferences.



Dan Forrest

Dr. Dan Forrest is an acclaimed American composer known for his richly expressive choral and orchestral works. His music, including Requiem for the Living, Jubilate Deo, and LUX: The Dawn From On High, is widely performed around the world. Forrest blends lyrical melodies with lush harmonies and deep sensitivity to text. He holds advanced degrees in composition and piano, and serves as Vice President of Publications at Beckenhorst Press. His works have been featured at Carnegie Hall and on national broadcasts, earning awards such as the ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Award and the ACDA Raymond Brock Award.



Norma Jean Hughes

Norma Jean Hughes is a versatile musician—conductor, pianist, singer, composer, and arranger—with over 30 years of music education experience. Her acclaimed choral work has been featured nationally, including performances at the Kennedy Center Honors, Broadway, and NJPAC. She has collaborated with artists like Aretha Franklin and CeCe Winans and is celebrated for her impactful workshops and dedication to community service and music education.



Gale Jones Murphy

Dr. Gale Jones Murphy, a native of Memphis, Tennessee, received the Master of Music in Piano Performance degree from Memphis State University. She is a former music educator at Forest Lake Adventist Academy in Apopka, Florida. Having earned accolades in music education circles as a skilled teacher of piano, choral conducting, and vocal pedagogy, Murphy holds the position of Director of Music and Education for the Negro Spiritual Scholarship Foundation of Orlando, Florida. She has composed more than four hundred and fifty compositions and has a large body of art songs and spiritual arrangements to her credit.



Richard Nichols

FDr. Richard A. Nichols (b. 1969) is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Music at Sterling College. With a diverse background in teaching, performing, composing, and conducting, he has over 150 published compositions. Nichols earned a Doctorate of Musical Arts from Ohio State University and has performed with major orchestras worldwide. He has also served as Director of SoundForth and is currently the Choral Editor for Fred Bock Music. His works are featured in catalogs like Fred Bock Music, SoundForth, Lorenz, and Shawnee Press.

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Rosephanye Powell

Dr. Rosephanye Powell is a renowned composer, conductor, and educator celebrated for her contributions to choral music. Her compositions, infused with spiritual and cultural depth, have been performed worldwide. As a conductor, she has led prestigious ensembles and festivals. Powell's educational endeavors include teaching at Auburn University and serving as a clinician for choral workshops. Her awards and honors recognize her impact on the choral world. With a unique voice and perspective, Powell's music inspires and uplifts, leaving a lasting legacy in the world of classical music. Her work continues to influence and enrich the choral community.



Natalie Ragins

Natalie Ragins has had the privilege of collaborating with renowned artists like Donnie McClurkin, Avery Sunshine, Tyler Perry, John P. Kee, Mary Mary, and PJ Morton. Her versatile musical style blends genres such as Gospel, R&B, Jazz, Funk, and more. Ragins has contributed as a keyboardist and musical director for Tyler Perry's stage plays, including Madea's Big Happy Family and Madea's Farewell Tour. Her musical production can be heard in Greg Kirkland's "Give" (2019), and her own singles like "I'll Stand," "Mighty Fortress," and "Worship & Praise" are available on all digital music platforms.



Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton majored in music education and voice at Temple University. She is a highly respected musician, composer, and arranger who received national attention as an arranger and organist for the critically acclaimed "Spirituals in Concert" performed at Carnegie Hall in 1990. This performance featured internationally renowned opera singers Kathleen Battle and Jessye Norman, and maestro James Levine conducting the Met orchestra and chorus. Simpson-Currenton arranged and orchestrated several of the most celebrated spirituals presented at the concert. The Spirituals in Concert CD released the following year by classical music label Deutsche Grammophone, garnered international acclaim for the composer-arranger.



Linda Twine

Linda K. Twine, a Muskogee, OK native, earned her music degree from Oklahoma City University and a master's from the Manhattan School of Music. Her Broadway debut began with The Wiz, leading to roles in Ain't Misbehavin', The Color Purple, and more. Also a composer and arranger, her works include Changed My Name and spirituals published by Hinshaw and Gentry Publications.



Brandon Waddles

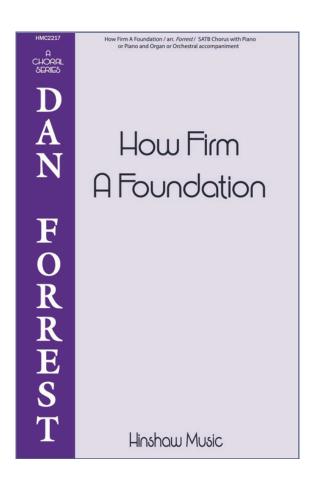
Dr. Brandon Waddles is a versatile composer, conductor, educator, and music director currently serving as Associate Music Director for the national Broadway tour of The Wiz. He holds a doctorate in Choral Music Education from Florida State University and previously served as Director of Choral Activities at Wayne State University and Artistic Director of the Rackham Choir. His leadership included performances of works by Brahms, Fauré, Ellington, and Mendelssohn, as well as collaborations with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.



Raymond Wise

Dr. Raymond Wise, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of the African American Arts Institute at Indiana University, under the Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. He has directed the Hampton University Ministers' Conference Choir Directors' and Organists' Guild and has taught for 37 years with the Gospel Music Workshop of America. A former Repertoire & Standards Chair for ACDA Central Division, he is a respected clinician and consultant, widely known for helping choirs deliver authentic performances of gospel music with deep knowledge of both gospel and classical traditions.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION



DESCRIPTION

A fresh spin on a timeless hymn. This piece, scored for piano, suits festivals or Pentecost services. With a medium difficulty level, it's ideal for adult choirs seeking a traditional yet revitalized sound. Forrest's arrangement showcases rich harmonies in a classic American hymn style.

Available in SATB, SSAA, TB/TTB/TTBB, and instrumental parts with score.





Additional Information

How Firm A Foundation

Catalog #: HMC2217

Voicing: SATB

Series: Dan Forrest Series

Composer: Early American Hymn

Arranger: Dan Forrest

Authors: "K" in Rippon's A Selection of Hymns

Accompaniment: Piano Style: Traditional Release Date: 2009 Season: General

Difficulty: Medium Adult Publisher: Hinshaw Music

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB, TTBB, SSAA, Instrumental Parts & Score

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A CHORAL SERIES How Firm A Foundation / arr. Forrest/ SATB Chorus with Piano or Piano and Organ or Orchestral accompaniment

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How Firm A Foundation

How Firm A Foundation was first published in America with this tune in the 1830s, and was one of the most commonly sung hymns of the Civil War era.

The text boldly asks, what stronger foundation can God give to His children who flee to Him for protection, than the precious promises of His Word? Stanza after stanza then affirms these promises of protection and comfort.

Robert E. Lee requested that this hymn be sung at his funeral. (It was a favorite of Andrew Jackson and Theodore Roosevelt, as well.) Perhaps the most moving American historical idea, however, is the thought of the countless soldiers, fighting on both sides of the Civil War, who would have known this popular hymn, and clung to its promises on the battlefield. This setting is inspired by that thought, and therefore uses a musical style which evokes the 19th century American folk hymn tradition.

DAN FORREST

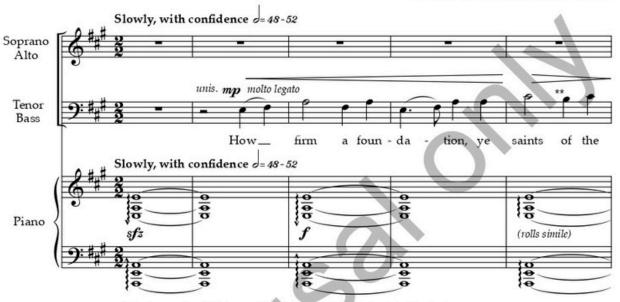
How Firm A Foundation

SATB Chorus with Piano or Piano and Organ or Optional Orchestral Accompaniment*

"K" in Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

PROTECTION American folk hymn From Funk's Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832

Arranged by, DAN FORREST (ASCAP)



(Simultaneously roll LH up, and RH down, for all rolled chords in the piece)



^{*} Organ may also accompany, ad lib., from the piano part. Optional orchestral accompaniment available separately.

^{**}As a folk hymn, PROTECTION exists in different versions; this setting follows early printed versions in using scale degree 2 at this point in the first and third phrases, in every stanza.











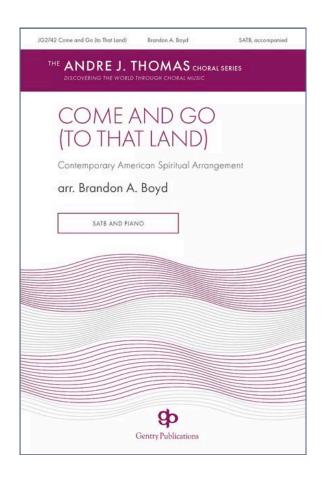








COME AND GO (TO THAT LAND)



DESCRIPTION

A great Brandon Boyd spiritual arrangement of "Come and Go With Me," infused with a touch of Gospel flavor that will captivate both choirs and audiences. Perfect for concerts, worship services, festivals, and all-states, this piece is taken to another dimension with the optional bass and percussion accompaniment, adding extra excitement and energy to your performance. Also available for full orchestra accompaniment.







Additional Information

Come and Go (To That Land)

Catalog #: JG2742 Voicing: SATB

Composer: Traditional Spiritual Arranger: Brandon A. Boyd Accompaniment: Piano

Style: Gospel Difficulty: Medium

Content: Sacred & Secular Publisher: Gentry Publications

Release Date: 2025

Series Editor: André J. Thomas

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB

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COME AND GO (TO THAT LAND)

Contemporary American Spiritual Arrangement

arr. Brandon A. Boyd

SATB AND PIANO



Come and Go (To That Land)

SATB, Accompanied

Quoting, "Oh, What a Beautiful City" and "I'll Be Singing Up There"

Spiritual, arr. Brandon A. Boyd



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About the Arrangement

I was introduced to this tune by our church pianist, Cora Thorpe, whose unique style of Gospel music captivated me and planted a seed that continues to influence my writing. This piece is coupled with the solo spiritual, "I'll Be Singin' Up There."

To collaborative pianists: your role is crucial in maintaining the groove and managing the intensity, repeats, and dynamic shifts. This tradition comes from Gospel pianists who often took on multiple roles—drummer, bass player, keyboardist, conductor, and sometimes soloist. I encourage soloists to add tasteful ad libs starting at the vamp, and I invite you to let the audience join in by clapping or singing along.

Most importantly, through this song, I hope you feel the same longing for freedom that American slaves sang about—a yearning for joy, happiness, and rest from their labor, which they often couldn't find in their earthly lives. "That land" symbolizes your future aspirations, whether it's advancing in your career or finding a better mental space. It represents moving away from anything that holds you back from living your best life.

Brandon A. Boyd, arranger



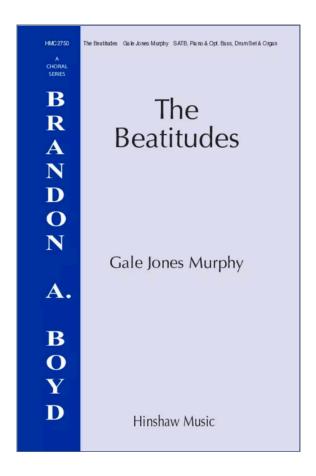
Arranger's Biography

Dr. Brandon A. Boyd, the Marie M. and Harry L. Smith Endowed Chair, is the Director of Choral Activities and Associate Professor of Music at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in choral conducting and music education, and conducts the Mizzou University Singers, MU's Choral Union Symphonic Chorus, and Sankofa Chorale.

Dr. Boyd holds degrees from Florida State University (Ph.D., M.M.) and Tennessee State University (B.S.). He is a member of several professional organizations, including ACDA, NAfME, NANM, and AGO, and serves on the National ACDA Composition Initiative Committee.



THE BEATITUDES



DESCRIPTION

Experience the uplifting gift of Gale Jones Murphy's Beatitudes in the Brandon A. Boyd Choral Series. Inspired by scripture, this anthem celebrates spiritual wealth and eternal promise over worldly values. Featuring an energetic gospel style, it transitions from unison to a rhythmic "bounce," as described by the composer, and builds to rich harmonies that captivate. An unforgettable must-have anthem for your choir!





Additional Information

The Beatitudes

Catalog #: HMC2750

Voicing: SATB

Series: Brandon A. Boyd Choral Series

Composer: Gale Jones Murphy Author: Matthew 5:11, 12

Accompaniment: Piano, optional Bass, Drums, Organ

Style: Gospel Release Date: 2025 Difficulty: Medium Publisher: Hinshaw Music

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB, Instrumental Parts & Score

HMC2750

The Beatitudes Gale Jones Murphy SATB, Piano & Opt. Bass, Drum Set & Organ

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The Beatitudes

SATB Chorus with Piano and Optional Electric Bass, Drum Set and Organ*

Adapted from Matthew 5:11, 12, 16 (KJV)

GALE JONES MURPHY



^{*} Full score and rhythm parts available separately (HMC2750AD). If organ is used, play the piano part in this score.









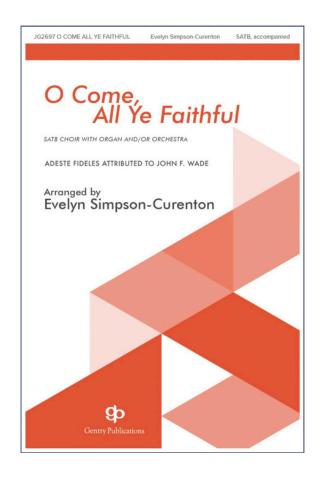








O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL



DESCRIPTION

World-class arranger and composer Evelyn Simpson-Curenton brings her broad musical gifts to this exciting and beyond-creative arrangement of the traditional carol, Adeste Fideles. This popular choir, organ, and optional congregation arrangement will raise the roof in any Holiday celebration that involves singing. It's impressive, especially with the optional parts for orchestra and brass.







Additional Information

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Catalog #: JG2697 Voicing: SATB

Composer: Traditional

Arranger: Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

Accompaniment: Piano Style: Traditional Release Date: 2024 Season: Sacred Difficulty: Medium Content: Both

Publisher: Gentry Publications

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB, Full Score

JG2697 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

SATB CHOIR WITH ORGAN AND/OR ORCHESTRA

ADESTE FIDELES ATTRIBUTED TO JOHN F. WADE

Arranged by Evelyn Simpson-Curenton



Dedicated to my late sister and mentor, Joy Elizabeth Simpson.

This arrangement is inspired by our annual Christmas Concert at High Street Church of God,
Philadelphia, PA, where she was the Minister of Music and Choral Director.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

SATB with Organ and/or Orchestra*

Latin Hymn (with introductory text from Scripture) Attr. to John F. Wade

Tr. by Frederick Oakely and others

Tune: Adeste Fideles Attr. to John F. Wade Arr. by Evelyn Simpson-Curenton



* The orchestral full score, JG2697F, is available separately. The orchestral parts are available at FredBock.com.

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Evelyn Simpson-Curenton, Composer

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton earned many titles, including composer, arranger, pianist, organist, vocalist, artistic director, lecturer, producer, and clinician. Her versatile skills consequently make her one of the most sought-after musicians in the country within many musical genres. A native of Philadelphia, she began playing the piano at the age of two and began her studies at the age of five. By the time she was nine, she was accompanying her renowned musical family, The Singing Simpsons of Philadelphia, in public performances.

Ms. Simpson-Curenton was commissioned to complete seven arrangements for the Carnegie Hall concert featuring Kathleen Battle, Jessye Norman, and the Chorus and Orchestra of New York's acclaimed Metropolitan Opera. She has also been commissioned to write works for George Shirley. Many additional orchestras and ensembles have performed her works in the U.S., including the Philadelphia Orchestra, The National Symphony, The Baltimore Symphony, The Minnesota Orchestra, and the U.S. Marine Band. Many other distinguished musicians, including the late Duke Ellington, her late sister and Naumberg winner Joy Simpson, Hubert Laws, Denyce Graves, John Blake, Dr. Mickey Terry, Angela Brown of the Metropolitan Opera, David Murray, and Earth, Wind, and Fire. She also enjoys collaborating and performing with her sister, mezzosoprano Marietta Simpson, and her daughter, flutist Julietta Curenton.

She is a proud graduate of Temple University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in music education and voice, and her master's in composition from George Mason University.



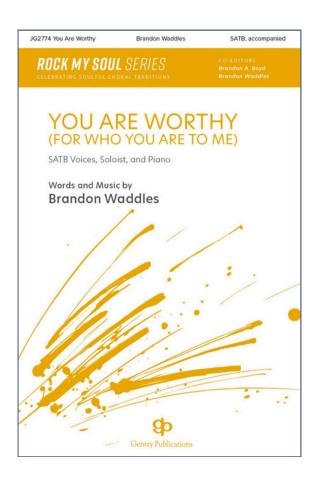
01312586 O Come Faithful SATB JG2697







YOU ARE WORTHY



DESCRIPTION

This piece, from Brandon Waddles and the Rock My Soul Choral Series, blends classical training with gospel fervor and CCM sensibility. Inspired by Richard Smallwood's style, it's designed for gospel choirs of all levels. Featuring rich harmonies and a dynamic sound, a soloist delivers the main text. With intricate notation, it's ideal for choirs seeking powerful, soulful music that showcases Waddles' signature style.







Additional Information

You Are Worthy

Catalog #: JG2774 Voicing: SATB

Difficulty: Medium

Series: Rock My Soul Choral Series Composer: Brandon Waddles Author: Brandon Waddles Accompaniment: Piano Style: Gospel Ballad Release Date: 2025

Publisher: Gentry Publications

Series Editors: Brandon A. Boyd & Brandon Waddles

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB

JG2774 You Are Worthy

Brandon Waddles

SATB, accompanied

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YOU ARE WORTHY (FOR WHO YOU ARE TO ME)

SATB Voices, Soloist, and Piano

Words and Music by



You Are Worthy

(For Who You Are to Me)

SATB Voices, Soloist, and Piano

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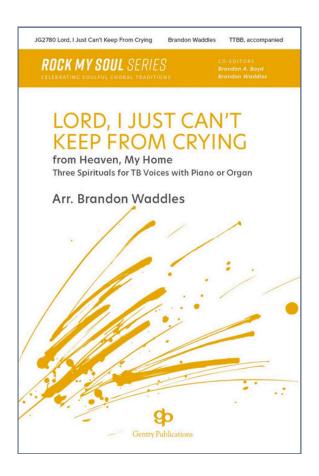








LORD, I JUST CAN'T KEEP FROM CRYING



DESCRIPTION

Part of the "Rock My Soul" Choral Series, this spiritual is one of three in the "Heaven, My Home" trilogy, celebrating Black composers and experience with a fresh take on timeless themes. Waddles masterfully explores the recurring theme of longing for "home," central to the Negro spiritual tradition. Suitable for advanced Tenor-Bass choirs, the trilogy balances harsh realities with hope for a brighter future.







Additional Information

Lord, I Just Can't Keep From Crying

Catalog #: JG2780 Voicing: TB divisi

Series: Rock My Soul Choral Series Composer: Traditional Spiritual Arranger: Brandon Waddles Author: Traditional Spiritual Accompaniment: Piano

Style: Spiritual Release Date: 2025

Difficulty: Medium Advanced Publisher: Gentry Publications

Series Editors: Brandon A. Boyd & Brandon Waddles

Buy Physical and Digital: TB divisi

JG2780 Lord, I Just Can't Keep From Crying

Brandon Waddles

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LORD, I JUST CAN'T KEEP FROM CRYING

from Heaven, My Home
Three Spirituals for TB Voices with Piano or Organ

Arr. Brandon Waddles



Lord, I Just Can't Keep from Cryin'

from Heaven, My Home

TTBB Voices and Piano or Organ

Traditional Spiritual Arr. by Brandon Waddles



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Brandon Waddles, Arranger

As a composer, conductor, educator and music director, Brandon Waddles enjoys a multifaceted career spanning the musical gamut. Dr. Waddles, a Detroit native, is no stranger to the city's rich musical legacy. Currently serving as Director of Choral Activities at Wayne State University and Artistic Director of the Rackham Choir, his commitment to music in schools and community envelops the wealth of his creative experience and outlook.

Brandon's choral compositions and arrangements have been published and performed by choral ensembles around the world. In 2019, he was awarded as the inaugural recipient of the ACDA Diverse Voices Collaborative Grant. In addition, he has worked as a transcriber of Black gospel music for numerous choral octavos, hymnals and hymnal supplements published by GIA, including his work as a contributing editor for the One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism hymnal. Brandon's release of Just In Case You've Forgotten is the first selected compendium of works by the late Thomas Whitfield, the subject of his dissertation. Dr. Waddles' scholarship on Black sacred music has been experienced in the halls of Harvard, Yale, Morehouse and Hampton, and most recently on American Black Journal as seen on PBS.

Recently serving as Music Director for Grammy award-winning recording artist Ledisi, Brandon has collaborated with the celebrated singer on multiple occasions, including her Ledisi Sings Nina concert series, the LEDISI: THE LEGEND OF LITTLE GIRL BLUE show-run at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, and Ledisi Live: A Tribute to Nina Simone as seen on PBS.

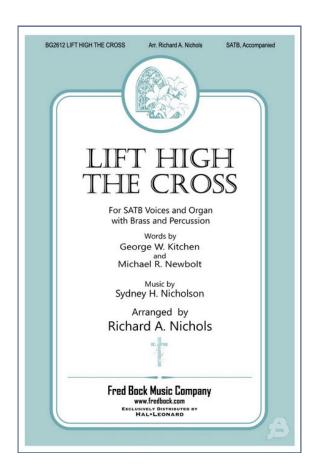
Dr. Waddles persists in his commitment to community as National Music Director for NAACP ACT-SO, in addition to his memberships with the American Choral Directors Association and the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc.







LIFT HIGH THE CROSS



DESCRIPTION

Richard Nichols' arrangement of Sydney Nicholson's majestic Easter anthem brings new grandeur to this traditional piece. Scored for SATB choir, organ, and optional brass and percussion, it adds dramatic flair to Easter services. With medium difficulty, it's accessible for choirs seeking a impactful piece. The rich instrumentation and regal style make it perfect for celebrating the Easter season with splendor and majesty.







Additional Information

Lift High The Cross

Catalog #: BG2612 Voicing: SATB

Composer: Sydney Nicholson Arranger: Richard A. Nichols Accompaniment: Organ & Brass

Style: Traditional Release Date: 2012 Season: Easter Difficulty: Medium

Publisher: Fred Bock Music Company

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB, Brass Parts & Score

BG2612 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Arr. Richard A. Nichols

SATB, Accompanied



LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

For SATB Voices and Organ with Brass and Percussion

Words by George W. Kitchen and Michael R. Newbolt

Music by Sydney H. Nicholson

Arranged by Richard A. Nichols



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LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

For SATB Voices and Organ, with optional Brass and Percussion*

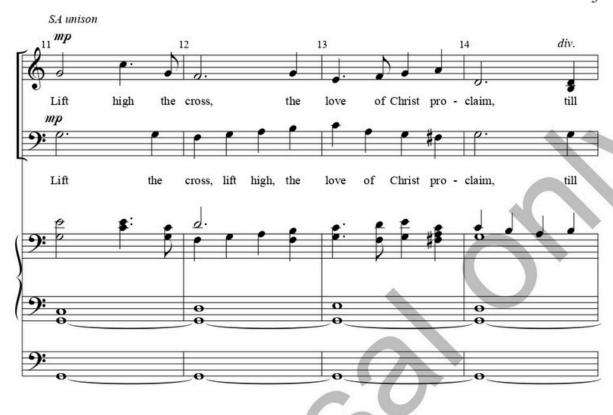
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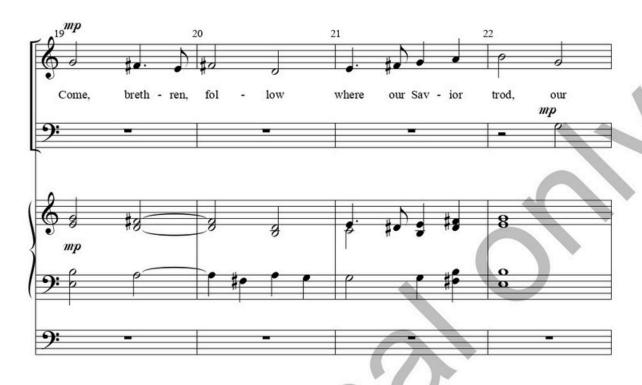
^{*}The Full S e a Pa ts (2 Tpt., 1 H ., 1 Tb ., 1 Tuba, Timp.) is available sepa ately, BG2 12B.

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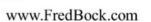




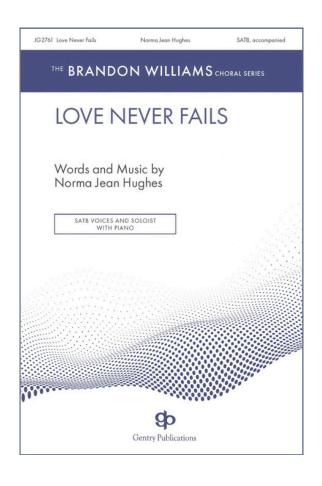








LOVE NEVER FAILS



DESCRIPTION

"Love Never Fails" explores love's complexities through three vignettes inspired by 1 Corinthians 13. Premiered at the 2022 Eastern Division ACDA Conference, this piece features rhythmic conviction and engaging piano lines. Part of the Brandon Williams Choral Series, it offers a powerful message and accessible vocal parts. Choirs will appreciate its timeless reflection on love, making it a compelling addition to any repertoire for its beauty and meaningfulness.







Additional Information

Love Never Fails

Catalog #: JG2761 Voicing: SATB

Series: Brandon Williams Choral Series

Composer: Norma Jean Hughes Author: Norma Jean Hughes Accompaniment: Piano Style: Gospel Ballad Release Date: 2025 Difficulty: Medium Easy

Publisher: Gentry Publications

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB

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LOVE NEVER FAILS

Words and Music by Norma Jean Hughes

SATB VOICES AND SOLOIST WITH PIANO



Love Never Fails

SATB Chorus and Solo, with Piano



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Norma Jean Hughes, Composer

Norma Jean Hughes is a versatile musician, a choral conductor, pianist, singer, composer, and arranger. She is a retired music educator with over 30 years of experience who continues to provide educational, sacred, and secular music workshops designed to enhance vocal technique and performance presentation. Her work promotes learning and inspiration for classroom and sacred settings. A native of New Jersey, Hughes is known for her unique choral arrangements, which have been featured in various music venues throughout the country, including Broadway, the Philadelphia Kimmel Center, and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

Under Hughes's direction, the Cicely L. Tyson High School Concert Choir performed with CeCe Winans to honor Cicely Tyson at the 2015 Kennedy Center Honors. Norma has prepared background vocals for performances with numerous artists, including Yolanda Adams, BeBe Winans, Richard Smallwood, Aretha Franklin, Denise Graves, Angelique Kidjo, Melba Moore, Kathy Sledge, Terrance Howard, Kenny Rogers, and The Chieftains.

Norma has been recognized by the Urban League Guild of Bergen County, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Chapter of Paterson, and multiple times by the New Jersey State Assembly for her dedicated community service and professional achievements in the arts and education. She is happily married to Kermit Hughes, and they are the proud parents of hundreds of children (by way of the many students Norma has guided into a love of music).

Composer's Notes

"Love Never Fails" was written for the East Orange Campus High School Chamber Singers (Libby Gopal, director) for their Spotlight Choir performance at the 2022 Eastern Division ACDA Conference in Boston. Love is complex and multidimensional. This original composition explores the many facets of what love is and is not. The description of love in 1 Corinthians 13 inspired the three vignettes (verses) that draw on personal experiences, which tested my ability to love and humanity's occasional failure to love.

Choirs may choose to do one repeat back to m. 81 after m. 108.

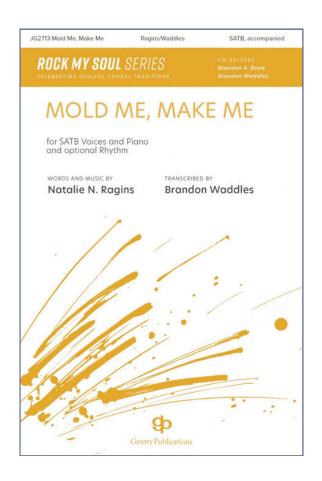


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MOLD ME, MAKE ME



DESCRIPTION

Discover the incredible musical prowess of Natalie Ragins, one of the most talented gospel and R&B keyboardists globally. This sensational piece, tailored for SATB voices accompanied by piano, bass, and guitar, is a breathtaking addition to the Rock My Soul Choral Series. Ragins' composition is nothing short of mind-blowing, a fusion of gospel and R&B that will captivate both performers and audiences. This exceptional piece is irresistibly charming and musically powerful.







Additional Information

Mold Me, Make Me

Catalog #: JG2713 Voicing: SATB

Series: Rock My Soul Choral Series

Composer: Natalie Ragins Author: Natalie Ragins Accompaniment: Piano Style: Traditional Release Date: 2024

Release Date: 2024 Difficulty: Medium

Publisher: Gentry Publications

Series Editors: Brandon A. Boyd & Brandon Waddles

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB

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Ragins/Waddles

SATB, accompanied

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for SATB Voices and Piano and optional Rhythm

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Natalie N. Ragins

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Mold Me, Make Me

for SATB Voices and Piano and opt. Rhythm*

Words & Music by Natalie N. Ragins Transcribed by Brandon Waddles



* Rhythm chord chart available separately as a free download at FredBock.com/freedownloads

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Natalie Nicole Ragins, Composer

With an unwavering passion for the performing arts and a distinctive style uniquely her own, Natalie Nicole Ragins has discovered her musical gift, setting a standard for future generations to follow. Graduating from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Middle School Education, Ragins seamlessly integrates her formal training in Language Arts and Social Studies to enrich her journey as a musician, writer, and producer.

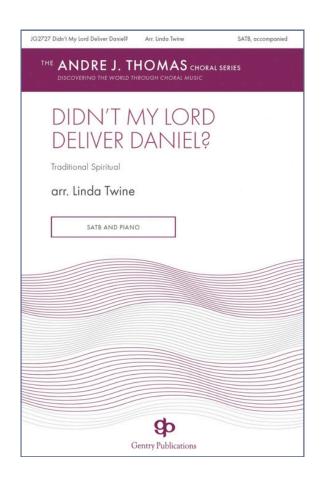
Hailing from Atlanta, Ragins' musical journey commenced at the tender age of 3, blossoming under the influence of her mother, Margaret, who recognized her daughter's innate fascination with music and enrolled her in a weekend arts program. At age 6, Ragins made her first significant decision, transitioning to the realm of art and drama. Despite initially studying the saxophone, her passion for the piano soon flourished, leading her to enroll in piano classes by the age of twelve and eventually performing for local churches. Ragins' musical prowess has taken her across the globe, from Bermuda to South Africa, collaborating with esteemed artists like Donnie McClurkin, Tyler Perry, and Mary Mary. Versatile across various genres including Gospel, R&B, Jazz, Funk, and more, Ragins showcases her creative flair not only through performances but also in her songwriting and production endeavors. Her contributions extend beyond the stage, with notable roles as a keyboardist/organist for several of Tyler Perry's stage plays and involvement in various movies. Ragins' own singles, including "I'll Stand" and "Mighty Fortress," resonate with audiences worldwide, available on major digital platforms such as iTunes, Apple Music, Amazon, and Spotify. Experience the musical brilliance of Natalie Ragins, a trailblazer in her own right, as she continues to inspire through her artistry and passion for music.







DIDN'T MY LORD DELIVER DANIEL



DESCRIPTION

Broadway icon Linda Twine delivers a brilliant rendition of this classic American Spiritual for mixed voices with a rocking piano accompaniment. Blues nuances and stylized vocals that are easy to master and exciting to sing characterize this dynamic arrangement of this traditional spiritual. The varied call-and-response sections help to create and maintain the excitement. An excellent choice for all choir levels.







Additional Information

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?

Catalog #: JG2727 Voicing: SATB

Series: Andre J. Thomas Signature Series

Composer: Traditional Spiritual

Arranger: Linda Twine Author: Traditional Spiritual Accompaniment: Piano Style: Traditional

Release Date: 2024 Season: Spiritual Difficulty: Medium Easy

Publisher: Gentry Publications

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB

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DIDN'T MY LORD DELIVER DANIEL?

Traditional Spiritual

arr. Linda Twine

SATB AND PIANO



About The Arranger



Linda Twine, a Muskogee, OK native, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in music from Oklahoma City University in 1966, studying under Dr. Clarence Burg and Professor Nancy Apgar. She pursued further education at the Manhattan School of Music, earning a master's degree and establishing her career in New York.

Beginning as a music teacher and accompanist, Twine's breakthrough came when she substituted for the keyboardist in "The Wiz" on Broadway, marking the start of her illustrious

Broadway journey. Over the years, she has conducted for various productions, including Lena Horne's "The Lady and Her Music," and gained recognition for her work in "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Big River," "Jelly's Last Jam," "Frog and Toad," "Caroline or Change," "Purlie," and "The Color Purple" featuring Fantasia.

Beyond her conducting success, Twine is a skilled composer and arranger. Notable works include the cantata "Changed My Name," inspired by Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman, and well-received spiritual arrangements published by Hinshaw and Gentry Publications.

Performance Notes

In this arrangement, specific sections feature "shout" moments, expressing the affirmation that if God could deliver Daniel, then He can certainly deliver each one of us. Look out for these moments at measures 9 and 25 with the enthusiastic "Hallelujah," measures 17 and 44 proclaiming "Glory, Glory!," and at measure 50 with the exclamation "chile." These segments serve as the dynamic "amen" corner in the church setting, adding a powerful and celebratory dimension to the performance.

The piano accompaniment plays a crucial role in providing both harmonic support and rhythmic drive. It is essential to maintain a consistent detachment and pulse throughout. As an alternative approach, consider playing only the left hand during the first and second repeats when the basses and altos sing at measure 63 through 69. Once the tenors and sopranos join in, feel free to incorporate both hands for a fuller texture.

Here are a few suggestions for performing this arrangement with dialect:

- The word "deliver" has a softer [I] sound; pronounced as "dee-liver."
- · Note phonetic decay for words like "poh" and "nevuh."
- · Pronounce "Lord" as "Lawd"; Approach with warm and richness.
- When singing "Daniel," articulate it with two syllables, pronounced as "Dan-yul," rather than three syllables.

It is my hope that, regardless of your race, ethnicity, or religious affiliation, you can find in contemporary slave arrangements the hope, faith, and resistance you wish to see in today's world.

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel? SATB Voices and Piano

Traditional Spiritual Arr. by Linda Twine

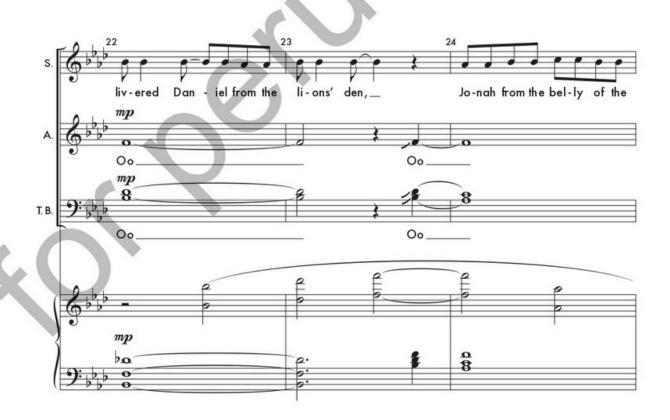


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First time: Basses only. Then add Altos, Tenors, and Sopranos on each succeeding repeat.







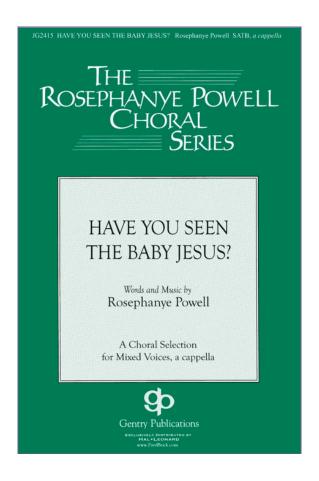








HAVE YOU SEEN THE BABY JESUS?



DESCRIPTION

Rosephanye Powell has created a new spiritual for Christmas that sounds like we have been singing it for years. The basic melody is carried by a small group or solo voice. The choir's parts serve as the accompaniment and sometimes as a response to the melody. The pace is quick and energetic and, as always, Rosephanye's rhythms are a joy to sing.





Additional Information

Have You Seen The Baby Jesus?

Catalog #: JG2415 Voicing: SATB

Composer: Rosphanye Powell Author: Rosphanye Powell Accompaniment: A Cappella

Style: Traditional Release Date: 2011 Content: Church or School

Season: Christmas

Difficulty: Easy to Medium **Publisher: Gentry Publications**

Series: Rosphanye Powell Choral Series

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB, SSAA



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Words and Music by Rosephanye Powell

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Words and Music by ROSEPHANYE POWELL







^{*}Shorten the vowel by moving quickly to the "p" of "wrapped." Do this each time the word occurs.



















Dr. Rosephanye Powell serves as Associate Professor of Voice at Auburn University (Auburn, Alabama). Prior to her appointment at Auburn University, Dr. Powell served as an Associate Professor of Music and Chair of the music department at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas. Dr. Powell began her tenure at Philander Smith College in 1993, after receiving the Doctor of Music in vocal performance at The Florida State University. She earned the Master of Music

degree in vocal performance and pedagogy from Westminster Choir College and the Bachelor of Music Education degree from Alabama State University. Prior to her service at Philander Smith College, Dr. Powell served as Assistant Professor of Music at Georgia Southern University from 1987 to 1990.

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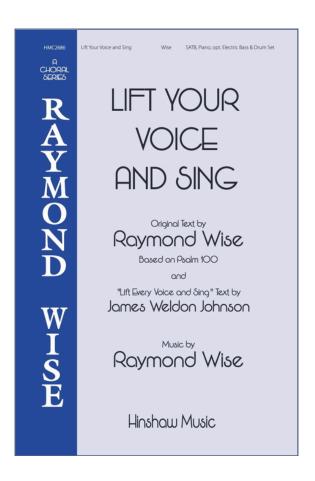
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LIFT YOUR VOICE AND SING



DESCRIPTION

Commissioned by the ACDA Eastern Division in 2022, this song incorporates texts from Psalm 100 and the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and invites everyone into a celebration of song. This upbeat song written in the gospel style is an ideal concert opener for high school, university, and honor choir festivals.





Additional Information

Lift Your Voice And Sing

Catalog #: HMC2686

Voicing: SATB

Composer: Raymond Wise

Author: Raymond Wise & James Weldon Johnson Accompaniment: Piano, opt. Electric Bass & Drum Set

Style: Traditional Release Date: 2023 Content: Both

Difficulty: Medium Advanced Publisher: Hinshaw Music

Series: Raymond Wise Choral Series

Buy Physical: SATB

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LIFT YOUR VOICE AND SING

Original Text by

Raymond Wise

Based on Psalm 100

and

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" Text by James Weldon Johnson

Music by

Raymond Wise

Hinshaw Music

About the Work

"Lift Your Voice and Sing" was commissioned by the American Choral Directors Association Regions Consortium for its 2022 conference and premiered by the ACDA Eastern Division Gospel Honor Choir in Boston, Massachusetts.

This work was created to celebrate and perform in the gospel style. The text was crafted to reinforce the ACDA convention theme, which was, "seek to create sound waves that travel further in different directions, fostering diversity and inclusivity in ways that RESONATE with more people."

The lyrics express how gospel music rings out as it travels through the air to touch and resonate in the hearts of a community that sings praises together. As a collective art form, gospel music encourages diversity and inclusiveness by including both performer and the listener and extending an invitation to people of all backgrounds to celebrate with communal singing.

The Psalm 100, which exhorts people to make a joyful noise, was used to extend an invitation to sing. Its familiar text and theme of praise and celebration can be easily sung by people from different cultural backgrounds. Original text was also added to emphasize the power of corporate singing.

Finally, to honor the longstanding African American tradition of singing as a tool of survival, determination, and hope, text from the chorus of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was included. This hymn penned by James Weldon Johnson in 1899 offered the ideal way to connect the present and future to the past.

About the Composer



Raymond Wise, Ph.D., currently serves on the faculty of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, where he serves as Professor of Practice in the African American African Diaspora Studies department. He serves as the Associate Director of the African American Arts Institute, an IU division devoted to African American music and dance perpetuation and performance. Dr. Wise conducts the African American Choral Ensemble recently featured in the Emmy Award Winning PBS documentary film "Amen: Music of the Black Church" (http://www.indiana.edu/~aaai/aace.shtml). Wise anticipates the pending release of his new book entitled, "What Happened To Gospel Music" on Cascade Press.

Dr. Wise is an ordained minister and has served as a church musician for more than 45 years. He has appeared on radio and television, recorded 25 albums, performed with opera singers, orchestras, dance companies, and professional recording groups. He has toured extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa, and Asia as a singer, pianist, composer, lecturer, choreographer, and conductor. Wise has penned more than 680 compositions. His works are published by Hinshaw Music, GIA Publications, Hal Leonard, MusicSpoke, Abingdon Press, and the United Methodist Publishing House. His Anthology of 21 Spirituals for the 21st Century has received national and international acclaim. More than 200 of his compositions are available through the Raymond Wise Choral music series (www.raiseonline.com).

Wise is the founder and President of Raise Productions' Center for the Gospel Arts, a gospel music production and publishing company in Columbus, Ohio, established to provide educational training and resources for gospel artists and the community. Wise has served as the artistic director of the various Raise performing ensembles since 1986. His knowledge of the gospel and classical music genres has enabled him to serve as a consultant and clinician in academic and gospel music settings. In addition, Wise is known for helping choirs perform gospel music authentically.

Lift Your Voice and Sing

SATB Chorus with Piano, Optional Electric Bass and Drum Set*

Original Text by RAYMOND WISE Based on Psalm 100 and "Lift Every Voice and Sing," Text by JAMES WELDON JOHNSON Music by RAYMOND WISE (BMI)





^{*} Full score and parts available separately (HMC2686A).



^{*}Tenors can sing an octave lower if desired until harmony enters at the text "spread joy (meas. 20)."

















^{*}Tenors can sing an octave lower if desired until harmony enters at the text "bring your praise" (meas. 56).













*Tenors can sing an octave lower if desired until harmony enters at the text "lift your voice and sing."





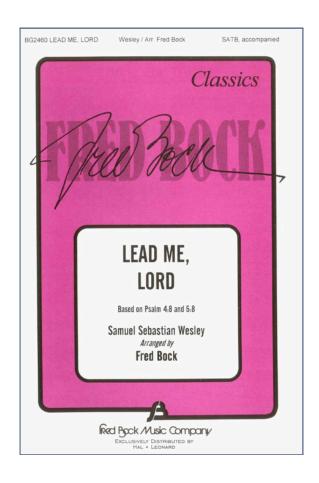




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LEAD ME, LORD



DESCRIPTION

Fred Bock's setting of this famous Samuel Wesley tune was a classic from the start. It has been newly released as part of Fred's "Classics" series. A tasty keyboard accompaniment, as only Fred could write, supports a warm and rich choral part. Useful as an anthem, offertory or service piece, it is easy to medium in learning difficulty.

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Additional Information

Lead Me, Lord

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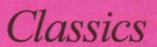
Series: Fred Bock Classics Arranger: Fred Bock Author: Samuel Wesley Style: Traditional Release Date: 2005 Season: General

Difficulty: Medium

Publisher: Fred Bock Music Company

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB, SSAA, SAB, 2-Part

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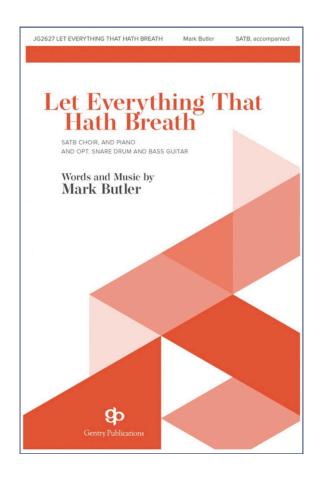
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LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH



DESCRIPTION

Mark Butler's gospel anthem for SATB choir, piano, percussion, and bass is absolutely electrifying. Captivate your audiences with this exciting gospel original. Mark Butler has all the right ingredients to make this a winner with your singers. I guarantee your audiences will leave singing, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!" It is an ideal piece for festival programming.







Additional Information

Let Everything That Hath Breath

Catalog #: JG2627 Voicing: SATB (or SAT) Composer: Mark Butler Author: Mark Butler

Accompaniment: Piano, opt. Perc., Bass

Style: Traditional Release Date: 2024 Season: Sacred Difficulty: Easy

Publisher: Gentry Publications

Buy Physical and Digital: SATB, SAT, Instrumental Parts & Score, Piano, Bass, Drums, FS and Parts

Let Everything That Hath Breath

SATB CHOIR, AND PIANO AND OPT. SNARE DRUM AND BASS GUITAR

Words and Music by Mark Butler

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Composer's Notes

This Gospel Anthem-type piece should be performed with vitality throughout. Executing music markings such as accents, staccato, slight upward glides, and dynamics are vital to making this piece exciting and fun for singers and their audience. Performance use of crisp and firm articulation on staccato note passages and vocal swells in certain places will bring forth an appropriate gospel drive and nuance. Avoid taking the tempo too fast. Think moderate, "march-time" tempo.

- Mark Butler

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Oh, praise Him, praise Him. Praise Him, praise him, oh, praise ye the Lord.

Oh, praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise ye the Lord. Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, oh, praise ye the Lord.

Hallelujah, Oh, praise ye the [Lord] forever, and ever. Amen, amen, amen!

Let Everything That Hath Breath

SATB and Piano (and opt. Snare Drum and Bass Guitar*)

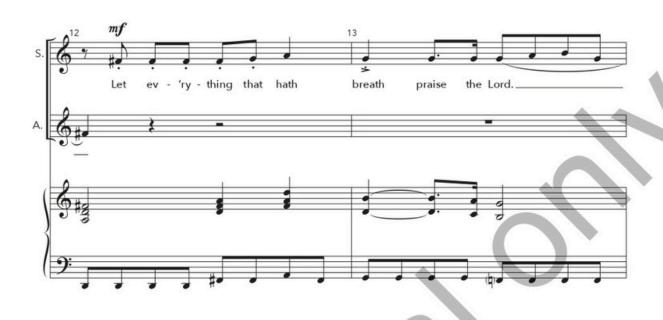
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Mark Butler, Composer

Dr. Mark Butler, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities and Studies at Florida A&M University, is an active composer, arranger, conductor, pianist, and baritone. In addition to conducting the University Concert Choir and other choral ensembles, he teaches Choral Conducting and Techniques, Class Piano, Applied Voice, and African American Music. As a composer, he has over 20 published compositions and has commissioned works for music conferences, festivals, and various vocal competitions. His compositions are being performed at National and International music events.

Additionally, he holds a DMA in Choral conducting from the American Conservatory of Music, MME from Florida State University, and BS in Music Education from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, Music Educators National Conference, NATS, American Composers Forum, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

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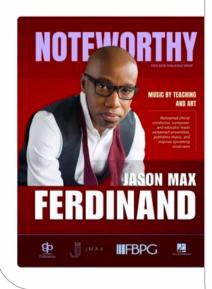




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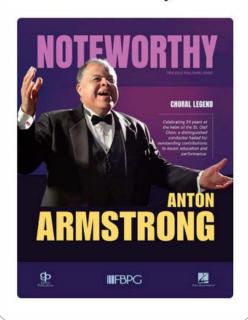
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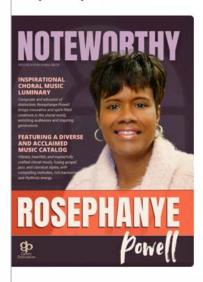
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