Hevenu Shalom Aleichem

Hebrew Folk Song

Arranged by

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SATB Voices with Keyboard

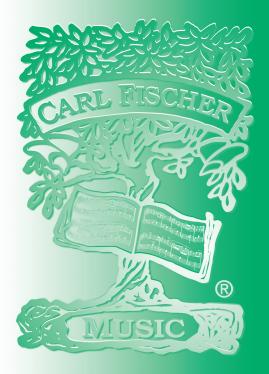












Program Notes

Hevenu Shalom Aleichem is a familiar folk song to most Jewish people. It is often sung in Jewish summer camps, Sunday schools and Hebrew schools, and even at Sabbath services. The Hebrew words mean simply "We bring peace to you."

A typical melodic figure found in much Jewish music is the augmented second. An augmented second is when one of two adjacent notes that are a major second apart (such as C followed by D) is lowered or raised a half-step by a sharp or flat. One of these augmented seconds can be found in the soprano part in measure 1: Bb followed by C#. Normally these two notes would be a major second apart, but when the C is raised to a C#, making it a half-step higher than a major second, we call it an augmented second, because it has been augmented by raising it a half-step. This peculiarity in the scale is common in folk music of many cultures, but especially in the folk music of eastern Europe and the Middle East. Another augmented second is found in the tenor part at measure 28. It is a C# descending to a Bb.

Another stylistic gesture in Jewish music is the frequent use of the *accelerando* (meaning "getting faster"), a change from a slow tempo to a fast one over a period of several measures. One example in *Hevenu Shalom Aleichem* is at measure 5. It is marked Slowly and *accelerando* and begins very slowly, gradually getting faster and faster until a new tempo is established at measure 13. Be careful not to get to the new tempo too soon. The trick is to make the *accelerando* slowly and even until the new tempo arrives. It can be very effective when done carefully.

Hevenu Shalom Aleichem is pronounced heh-veh-noo shah-lohm ah-lay-chehm. The "ch" in aleichem is a guttural sound, something like a slight clearing of the throat.

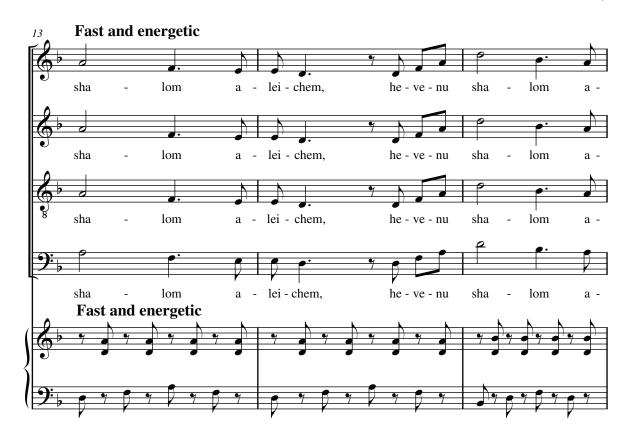
This arrangement of *Hevenu Shalom Aleichem* features a middle section with new music and English text that is intended to augment the message of the Hebrew words, a message of peace to one's friends and family as well as to all the world.

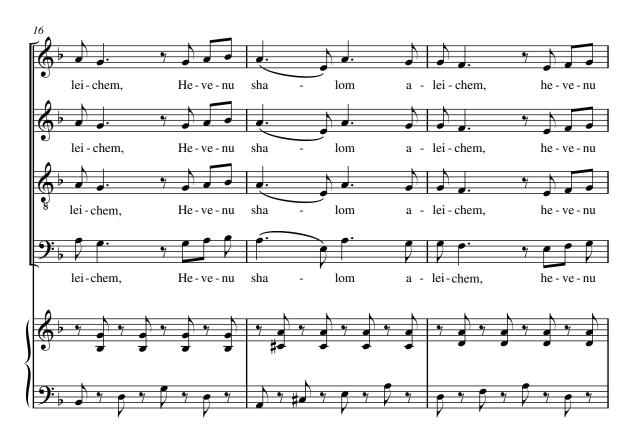
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