

Divine Encounter

SATB

- I. The Invitation
- II. The Offering
- III. The Blessing

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FROM THE COMPOSER

Divine Encounter is a musical narrative that describes God's invitation to experience the sustenance that only He can provide, our response to His gifts and the blessing He in turn bestows upon our response. The first movement, *The Invitation*, is based on Isaiah 55:1, 6. Most musical settings of the first verse are lyric and meditative. In *Divine Encounter*, however, the mood is one of joyful celebration, an invitation to the Great Dance. In contrast, the sixth verse is regal, earnest and authoritative and the architecture of the movement is built upon the contrast between these two styles. The second movement, *The Offering*, is based on Micah 6:6-8. As we partake of God's bounty, our gratitude urges us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to serve God and people alike. The final movement, *The Blessing*, is based on Numbers 6:24-26. As Jesus blessed and multiplied the fish and bread, so God blesses the offering we bring to Him. These movements can be performed as a suite on the concert stage or as the beginning, middle and end of a mass or church service.

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The Invitation

For SATB Choir, Organ or Piano and String Quartet, Brass Sextet or Orchestra

Isaiah 55:1, 6

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(ASCAP)

Prayerfully ♩ = 64
mp unis.

Soprano
Alto

Oh,

Organ

1 2 3 4 5 6

rit. **Joyfully** ♩ = 66

7 8 9 10

SA unis. mf

Come, you who thirst, come to the

11 12 13

*Cue-sized notes may be omitted when string quartet or brass sextet is used.

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wa - ter. Come, you who

Measures 14, 15, and 16 of the musical score. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). Measure 14 has a piano dynamic marking. Measure 15 has a piano dynamic marking. Measure 16 has a piano dynamic marking.

thirst, come to the wa - ter, and

Measures 17, 18, and 19 of the musical score. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). Measure 17 has a piano dynamic marking. Measure 18 has a piano dynamic marking. Measure 19 has a piano dynamic marking.

you who have noth - ing, you who have

Measures 20, 21, and 22 of the musical score. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). Measure 20 has a piano dynamic marking. Measure 21 has a piano dynamic marking. Measure 22 has a piano dynamic marking.

noth ing, come buy, come buy and

Measures 23, 24, and 25 of the musical score. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). Measure 23 has a piano dynamic marking. Measure 24 has a piano dynamic marking. Measure 25 has a piano dynamic marking.

eat. _____

Tenor _____

Bass _____

mf Come, you who

26 27 28

You who thirst, oh,

thirst, come to the wa ter.

29 30 31

come to the

Come, you who thirst, come to the wa - ter.

32 33 34

wa - ter. *unis.* You who have

and you who have noth - ing,

noth - ing, *mp* Come

you who have noth - ing, *mp* come buy

buy and eat.

and eat.

35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43

mp *cresc.*

S *mf*

Come, _____ come, _____

A *mf*

Come, _____ come, _____

T *mf*

Come, _____ come, _____

B *mf*

Come, _____ come, _____

mf

44 45 46

_____ come _____ to

_____ come _____ to

_____ come _____ to

_____ come _____ to

47 48 49

Me. Come, Me. Come, Me. Oh, Me. Oh,

50 51 52

This block contains the musical notation for measures 50, 51, and 52. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'Me.' and 'Come,' in measures 50 and 51, and 'Oh,' in measure 52. The piano part consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand accompaniment. Measure numbers 50, 51, and 52 are indicated at the bottom of the piano staff.

oh, come, come, oh, come,

53 54 55

This block contains the musical notation for measures 53, 54, and 55. It features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'oh, come,' in measure 53, 'come,' in measure 54, and 'oh, come,' in measure 55. The piano part continues with a right-hand melody and a left-hand accompaniment. Measure numbers 53, 54, and 55 are indicated at the bottom of the piano staff.

rit.

come to Me. *rit.*

come to Me. *rit.*

8 come to Me. *rit.*

come to Me. *rit.*

56 57 58

Prayerfully ♩ = 64 *rit.*

rit.

rit.

rit.

Prayerfully ♩ = 64 *mp* *rit.*

59 60 61 62 63

a tempo
mp

Seek Me, seek Me while I may be found. Seek Me,

a tempo
mp

Seek Me,

a tempo

a tempo

a tempo

64 65 66 67 68

seek Me while I may be found. Call on Me, call on Me

seek Me while I may be found. Call on Me, call on Me

mp

Call on Me, call on Me

69 70 71 72 73

while I am near. Call on Me, call on Me while I am

while I am near. Call on Me, call on Me while I am

while I am near. Call on Me, call on Me while I am

mp Call on Me, call on Me while I am

74 75 76 77 78

near. Seek Me, *f*

near. Seek Me, *f*

near. Seek Me, *f*

near. Seek Me, *f*

79 80 81 82 83

seek Me while I may be found. Seek Me, seek Me

seek Me while I may be found. Seek Me, seek Me

seek Me while I may be found. Seek Me, seek Me

seek Me while I may be found. Seek Me, seek Me

84 85 86 87 88

while I may be found. Call on Me, call on Me while I am

while I may be found. Call on Me, call on Me while I am

8 while I may be found. Call on Me, call on Me while I am

while I may be found. Call on Me, call on Me while I am

89 90 91 92 93

near. Call on Me, call on Me while I am

near. Call on Me, call on Me while I am

near. Call on Me, call on Me while I am

near. Call on Me, call on Me while I am

94 95 96 97 98

mf *allargando*

near. *mf* *allargando*

near. *mf* *allargando*

near. *mf* *allargando*

near. *mf* *allargando*

near. *mf* *allargando*

99 100 101 102 103

Broadly ♩ = 64

f

Come, all who thirst, come to the wa - ter, come, all who thirst, come to the

f

Come, all who thirst, come to the wa - ter, come, all who thirst, come to the

f

Come, all who thirst, come to the wa - ter, come, all who thirst, come to the

f

Come, all who thirst, come to the wa - ter, come, all who thirst, come to the

Broadly ♩ = 64

f

104 105 106

wa - ter and you who have noth - ing, and

wa - ter and you who have noth - ing, and

wa - ter and you who have no - thing, and

wa - ter and you who have noth - ing, and

107 108

rit.

you who have noth - ing, come buy and eat.

rit.

you who have noth - ing, come buy and eat.

rit.

you who have noth - ing, come buy and eat.

rit.

you who have noth - ing, come buy and eat.

rit.

109 110 111

a tempo

Come, come, come to

a tempo

Come, come, come to

a tempo

Come, come, Oh, come to

a tempo

Come, come, Oh, come to

a tempo

112 113 114

Me. Oh, _ come, come, _

Me. Come, come, _

8 Me, to Me. Come, _ Oh, _ come, _

Me, to Me. Come, _ Oh, come, _

115 116 117

come to Me. *ff rit.*

come to Me. *ff rit.*

8 come to Me. *ff rit.*

come to Me. *ff rit.*

118 119 120

Prayerfully ♩ = 64

mp

Oh. *mp*

Oh. *mp*

Oh. *mp*

Oh. *mp*

Oh.

Prayerfully ♩ = 64

mp

121 122 123 124 125

molto rit. *p*

molto rit. *p*

molto rit. *p*

molto rit. *p*

molto rit. *p*

126 127 128 129 130 131

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