

PROGRAM NOTES

Winner of the 2018 VocalEssence and American Composers Forum Carol Contest, *O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so Mild!* is scored for SATB Chorus (*divisi*) and Oboe. It is a setting of a text by Valentin Thilo (1607–1662) as translated by Geoffrey W. Daisley (1877–1939). Verse one deals with Christ's incarnation; the second verse speaks of his reconciling us to God; verse three is a prayer of commitment. The music reaches its climax in the final verse on the lyrics, "Joy fills the world." This work is appropriate for Christmas and general use.

TEXT

O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
For sinners you became a child.
You came from heaven down to earth
in human flesh through human birth.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
With God we now are reconciled.
You have for all the ransom paid,
your Father's righteous anger stayed.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
Joy fills the world which sin defiled.
Whate'er we have belongs to you;
O keep us faithful, strong, and true.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

Valentin Thilo (1607–1662)
Geoffrey W. Daisley, tr. (1877–1939)

A reproducible part for Oboe is available as a free download at www.ecspublishing.com
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Expressively ♩ = 84

Oboe *p*

Ob. *p*

S A *p* O Je - sus so sweet,

T B *p* O Je - sus so sweet,

11 Je - sus so mild! ,

S A Je - sus mild! For sin - ners you be - came a

T B Je - sus mild! For sin - ners you be - came a

16 *mp* child. You came from heav - en down to

mp child. You came from heav - - en

21

earth in hu - man flesh through hu - man birth.

down to earth in flesh through hu - man birth.

26

Ob.

rit.

mp

rit.

S
A

O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

T
B

O Je - sus so sweet, so mild!

31

Ob.

a tempo

36

Ob.

mp

S
A

mp

O Je - sus so sweet, Je - sus so

T
B

mf

O Je - sus so sweet, O

O Je - sus sweet, O

41

O Je - sus so mild!

sweet, O Je - sus mild! With God rec - on -

Je - sus so mild! With God we now are rec - on -

Je - sus mild! With God we now are rec - on -

46

The ran - som

ciled. _____ The ran - som

ciled. _____ You have for all the ran - som

ciled. _____ You have all the ran - som

51

paid, your Fa - ther's an - ger stayed. _____

paid, your Fa - ther's an - ger stayed. _____

paid, your Fa - ther's right - eous an - ger stayed. _____

56

Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so
Je - sus so sweet, so mild!
O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
O Je - sus so sweet, so mild!

61

rit. *a tempo*

mild! Je - sus so sweet, so mild! *mf*
Je - sus so sweet, Je - sus so mild! O
Je - sus so sweet, so mild! *mf*
Je - sus so mild! O

66

mf
O Je - sus so mild! Joy fills the
Je - sus so sweet, Je - sus mild! Joy fills the
Je - sus so sweet, Je - sus mild! Joy fills the

71

world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we

world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we

76

have be - longs to you; O keep us faith - ful,

have be - longs to you; O keep us faith - ful,

81

strong, and true. O Je - sus so sweet, O

strong, and true. O Je - sus so

86 *rit. al fine*

rit. al fine

mp O Je - sus so sweet, *p* O

Je - sus so mild! *mp* Je - sus so sweet,

sweet, so mild! *mp* Je - sus so sweet,

91 *p* *pp* *pp*

Je - sus so sweet, so mild! *pp*

Je - sus so sweet, so mild! *pp*

Je - sus so sweet, so mild! *pp*

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