

Artistry in Worship

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Advanced

ARTISTRY IN WORSHIP

Creative Hymn Settings for the Advanced Pianist

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FOREWORD

Part of the beauty of the hymns we love is their natural state of being a blank canvas for endless arrangement possibilities. The simple, singable melodies can be reshaped. Familiar harmonies and can be reimagined. Inspired words can sing out from the keys of piano almost as vividly as the voices of an enthusiastic congregation.

In this collection, arranger Victor Labenske has taken these beloved hymns of the faith and shaped them into stunning arrangements for the advanced pianist. Whether played in worship service or recital, these artistic settings will certainly justify a deep level of musical attention and preparation to inspire both the performer and listener.

We sincerely hope that *Artistry in Worship* becomes a favorite within your music library and inspires your worship through these arrangements.

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Christ the King Medley

(O Worship the King and Come, Thou Almighty King)

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Tunes: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806)

ITALIAN HYMN, attr. Felice de Giardini, (1716–1796)

Allegro gioioso ♩ = 112

4 1 1 5 5 2 1 1

mf *mp*

5 1 2 2 2 1 1

mf *mp*

9 *mf* *mf* *p*

13 *mf* *p* *mf*

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

**"O Worship the King..."*

Ped. ad lib.

Duration: 2:40

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77

mf

81

p *mf*

85

p *mf*

89

cresc. *mf* *cresc.*

93

cresc.

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136

2 2 5 3 3

139

cresc.

1 2 1 5

142

ff

1 2 1 5

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Tune: CWM RHONDDA

by John Hughes (1873–1932)

Gospel style (♩ = 72) (straight eighths)

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 4/4 time, marked *mf* and *ad lib.* The tempo is indicated as 72 beats per minute (♩ = 72) in a straight eighth-note style. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into systems, with measures numbered 3, 6, and 9. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The vocal melody is written in the treble clef, with lyrics "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah..." appearing above the staff. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and fingerings (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5). The piece concludes with a final chord in the piano part.

Duration: 3:40

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He Keeps Me Singing

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Tune: SWEETEST NAME

by Luther B. Bridges (1884–1948)

*"There's within my heart a melody..."*Joyful stride! (♩ = 104) ♩ = $\frac{3}{4}$

mf

4

7

10

f

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13

mf

16

f *mf*

19

"Soon He's coming back to welcome me..."

f

22

mf

24

f *mf*

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How Firm a Foundation

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Tradional American Melody

Boldly (♩ = 108) $\frac{4}{2}$ $\frac{1}{1}$

f

4 *mf* “How firm a foundation...” $\frac{3}{1}$ $\frac{2}{1}$

7 *f* *mf*

10 *simile* $\frac{4}{1}$ $\frac{2}{1}$ $\frac{2}{1}$ $\frac{5}{1}$ $\frac{5}{1}$ $\frac{2}{1}$ $\frac{2}{1}$

Duration: 2:40

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BS

13

mp

mf

5 2 4 4 5 4 2

16

4

18

mp

f

21

5 5 5

24

rit. e dim.

Sorrowfully (♩ = 92)

5 3 4

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Victor Labenske

Tune: ST. AGNES

by John B. Dykes (1823-1876)

Tenderly (♩ = 108)

mf

4 *mp* *cresc.*

7 *mf* *dim. e rit.*

"Jesus, the very thought of Thee..."

9 *a tempo* *mp*

Duration: 2:15

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BS

12

1 3

2 5

1 2

15

2 5

1 2

2 5

1 2

cresc.

18

1 2

3

1 2

21

mf

dim. e rit.

1 5

2

23

a tempo

mp

2 5

3 5

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70 *mp*
a tempo
mp

73 *cresc.*
1

76 *dim. e rit.*
3

79 *a tempo*
mp
dim. e rit.
p
4 2 4

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by **John Zundel** (1815–1882)

The first system of the musical score is in 3/2 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody, starting with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a triplet of eighth notes (A4, B4, C5) beamed together, and a half note D5. This pattern repeats. The melody is marked *p* (piano) and *sim.* (simile). The bass clef staff has a whole rest for the first two measures, then a whole note G3 for the third measure, and a whole note F3 for the fourth measure. A large, stylized rose is superimposed over the bass staff.

5

mp

2 1 5 1

9

Musical score for 'The Rose Tree'. The score is written for voice and piano. The voice part is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is 4/4. The score consists of two staves. The first staff is the voice part, and the second staff is the piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a prominent bass line with a double bass note in the first measure, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The voice part begins with a rest in the first measure, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The score is numbered 9 in the top left corner.

13

A musical score for the song 'The Rose Tree'. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a bass line with some chords and a melodic line. The music is in 4/4 time. The score is divided into four measures. The first measure has a treble clef and a bass clef. The second measure has a treble clef. The third measure has a treble clef. The fourth measure has a bass clef. The text 'PUBLISHING CO.' is visible in the background.

cresc.

Duration: 3:40

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107

ff 8va—1

109

p *cresc.*

112

rit. *ff* *a tempo mf* *cresc.* Red.

114

rit. *ff* Red. Vad *

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Tune: AZMON

by Carl G. Gläser (1784–1829)

Jubilantly ($\text{♩} = 84$)

mf

mp

cresc.

mf

"O for a thousand tongues to sing..."

f

mf

mp

Duration: 1:45

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O Worship the King

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Tune: LYONS

by Robert Grant (1779–1838)

With energy! (♩. = 60)

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time. It begins with a treble and bass clef. The first system (measures 1-3) starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The second system (measures 4-6) continues with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The third system (measures 7-9) features a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The fourth system (measures 10-12) includes a crescendo (*cresc.*) marking and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The fifth system (measures 13-15) features a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The sixth system (measures 16-18) includes a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The seventh system (measures 19-21) features a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The eighth system (measures 22-24) includes a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The ninth system (measures 25-27) features a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The tenth system (measures 28-30) includes a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The eleventh system (measures 31-33) features a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The twelfth system (measures 34-36) includes a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The thirteenth system (measures 37-39) features a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The fourteenth system (measures 40-42) includes a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The fifteenth system (measures 43-45) features a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The sixteenth system (measures 46-48) includes a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The seventeenth system (measures 49-51) features a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The eighteenth system (measures 52-54) includes a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The nineteenth system (measures 55-57) features a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass. The twentieth system (measures 58-60) includes a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and a half note rest in the treble, followed by a half note chord in the bass.

Duration: 2:25

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16

mf

20

1

p

cresc.

3

3
2
1

p

cresc.

24

4
2
1

f

28

2

f

f

32

5
2

2

f

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112

1

mp *cresc.*

3

117

ff

122

1

126

3

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1 1 2 3 4

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Thanksgiving Medley

(Now Thank We All Our God and Come, Ye Thankful People, Come)

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Tunes: NUN DANKET

by Johann Crüger (1598–1662)

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

by George J. Elvey (1816–1893)

Deeply thoughtful (♩ = 96)

mf *dim.* *mp*

Ped. ad lib. 8vb

“Now thank we all our God...”

mf *dim.* *mp* *mf* *mp*

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16

3

3

20

5

24

cresc.

mf

"All praise and thanks to God..."

27

30

mp

mf

1 1 1

2 2 1 4

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"For the Lord our God shall come..."

58 *mf*

61 *cresc.*

64 *f*

67 *cresc.* *ff*

va

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Tune: HAMBURG

by Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

Contemplative (♩ = 60)

mp

Ped.

Ped. ad lib.

rit. *a tempo*

"When I survey..."

Ped.

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73 *mp* *cresc.* *f*

4 1 5 2 1 3 2 5

76 *cresc. e rit.*

4 3

79 *a tempo* *ff* *mf* *cresc.*

4

82 *rit.*

4 4 3 4

85 *ff*

4

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