

Retrospect

Anthem

William Billings, 1778
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A minor, A Major
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Musical score for the first system of the anthem. It features four staves: Treble, Counter, Tenor, and Bass. The lyrics are: "Was not the day, Was not the day, Was not the day dark and gloo-my." A measure rest of 5 is indicated above the Treble staff.

The

Musical score for the second system of the anthem. It features four staves: Tr. (Treble), C. (Counter), T. (Tenor), and B. (Bass). The lyrics are: "en - e-my said, Let us draw a line, e - ven from York to Ca - na-da." Measure rests of 10 and 15 are indicated above the Tr. and C. staves. The system concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to A major (two sharps).

But

But

Musical score for the third system of the anthem. It features four staves: Tr. (Treble), C. (Counter), T. (Tenor), and B. (Bass). The lyrics are: "prais-ed be the Lord, But prais-ed be the Lord, The snare is bro - ken, and prais-ed be the Lord,". A measure rest of 20 is indicated above the Tr. staff. The system concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to A minor (no sharps or flats).

25

Tr. C. T. B.

we are es - cap - ed, but prais-ed be the Lord, But bles-sed be the Lord: The

30 35

Tr. C. T. B.

snare is bro - ken, and we are es - ca - ped, and we are es - ca - ped.

40

Tr. C. T. B.

Hark! Hark! Cur-sed be the

Hear the ad - ju - ra - tion.

45

Tr. C. T. B.

man that kee-peth back his sword, Cur-sed be the man that kee-peth back his sword.

Oh!

Tr. 50

C. I am

T. My bow-els, my bow-els,

B. I am

8 Dis-mal!

Oh! Hor-ri-ble! Oh! Dis-mal!

Tr. 55

C. I am pain-ed at my ve-ry heart. My heart mak - eth a noise

T. I am pain-ed at my ve-ry heart. My heart mak - eth a noise

B. I am pain-ed at my ve-ry heart,

8 pain-ed at my ve-ry heart,

Tr. 60 65

C. with-in me. For thou hast heard, O my soul, The sound of the trumpet, the a - larm of

T. with-in me. For thou hast heard, O my soul, The sound of the trumpet, the a - larm of

B. with-in me. For thou hast heard, O my soul, The sound of the trumpet, the a - larm of

8 with-in me. For thou hast heard, O my soul, The sound of the trumpet, the a - larm of

Tr. ⁷⁰
The sound of the trum-pet, the a - larm of war.

C.
war, The sound of the trum-pet, the a-larm of war.

T. ₈
The sound of the trum-pet, the a - larm of war. See my Fath-er,

B.

Tr. ⁷⁵
Be - hold my bro-ther,

C.

T. ₈
Hear him groan, See him die.

B.
Hear him groan, O thou

Tr. ⁸⁵
⁹⁰

C.
How long will it be, How long will it be, ere thou be qui - et? Put up thy-

T. ₈

B.
sword of the Lord,

95 100

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

self in-to thy scab-bard. Rest, rest, rest and be still. Cause us to hear with

105

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

joy thy kind, for - giv - ing voice, That so the bones which thou hast broke may

1. 2. 110

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

with fresh strength re - joice, That - joice. Hark! Hark! My Hark!

115

Tr. Hear and re - joyce

C. soul, catch the sound, My soul, catch the sound. Hear and re -

T. 8 Hear and re - joyce

B. Hear and re - joyce

120

Tr. re - joyce, Hear and re-joyce re -

C. joyce, Hear and re - joyce re - joyce,

T. 8 Hear and re - joyce, re-

B. re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re -

130

Tr. joyce, Hear and re-joyce, re - joyce re -

C. Hear and re - joyce, Hear and re - joyce,

T. 8 joyce, Hear and re - joyce, re - joyce re - joyce

B. joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce re -

135

Tr. joyce re - joyce, Hear and re - joyce re -

C. Hear and re - joyce, re - joyce, Hear and re - joyce, Hear and re -

T. joyce, re - joyce, Hear and re - joyce re -

B. joyce re - joyce, Hear and re - joyce re -

140

Tr. joyce Hear and re - joyce Hear and re -

C. joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce,

T. joyce re - joyce re - joyce, re - joyce, re -

B. joyce re - joyce re - joyce

145

Tr. joyce, re - joyce,

C. Hear and re - joyce, Hear and re - joyce.

T. joyce, re - joyce, Beat your swords in-to plow-shares,

B. re - joyce,

150

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

And your spears in-to pru-ning hooks.

Beat your swords in-to plow-shares, And your spears

160

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

And learn war no more, — And learn war — no more.

in-to pru-ning hooks.

165

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

How beau-ti-ful, how beau-ti-ful, how beau-ti-ful, up - on — the moun-tains are the

170

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

feet of him that bring - eth good tid - ings, that pub - ish-eth peace.

peace, peace,

175

180

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

peace, peace be on earth, good will to-ward men. Hal-le - lu-jah, for the Lord

185

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

God om - ni-po-tent reign - eth, for the Lord God om - ni-po-tent

190

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

A - men, — A - men.

reign-eth. Hal - le - lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah, A - men. A -

195

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

1. men. Hal-le -

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

2.