

# Hymn on the Divine Use of Music

John Playford, 1677 88. 88. (L. M.)

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A Major

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Tr.

1. We sing to thee whose wisdom formed The curious organ of the ear; And thou, who gav'st us voices, Lord, Our grateful songs in kindness hear.  
2. We'll joy in God, who is the spring Of lawful joy and harmless mirth; Whose boundless love is justly called The harmony of heaven and earth.

T.

3. Thy praises, dearest Lord, aloud Our grateful anthems shall re - hearse; Which rightly tuned, are rightly styled The music of the u-ni-verse.  
4. And while we sing we'll consecrate To thee that vi - o - la - ted art, In offering up, by every tongue, With every song a flaming heart.

B.

5. We'll hallow pleasure, and redeem From vulgar use our tuneful voice: Those lips that wan-ton-ly have sung, Shall be employed in nobler joys.  
6. Thus we, poor mortals, here on earth Will imitate the heavenly choirs; And in ex-al-ted notes, we'll send In holy hymns our raised desires.  
7. And that we may be sure above, When there we come our part to know; We'll practice, both at home and church, Our Hallelujahs here below.

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1. All notes half value of originals.

2. Notes at the ends of lines doubled (measures 5 and 11).