

Hymn on the Divine Use of Music

John Playford, 1677

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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, a-loud 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 eve - ry 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 emp - loyed in nobler joys.
6. Thus we, poor mortals, here on earth Will i - mi - tate the heavenly choirs; And in ex - al - ted notes, we'll send In ho - ly hymns our raised desires.
7. And that we may be sure a - bove, When there we come our part to know; We'll practice, both at home and church, Our Hal - le - lu - jahs 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).