

Hosanna to the highest

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Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
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Bass

Continuo

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Ho - san - na, ho - san - na to the highest. Joy be - tide, Ho - san - na, ho -

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- san - na to the high - est. Joy be - tide the heav'n - ly bridegroom and his ho - ly

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bride. Let heav'n a - bove, let heav'n a - bove be fill'd, be fill'd with

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songs, let earth triumph be - low, let earth triumph be - low; for ev - er si - -

The only surviving source for this song is a copy made after Purcell's death. The extraordinary dissonances in m. 6 are present in this copy; a more conventional composer might have written:

ho - san - na to the high - est.

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- - - lent be those tongues that can, that can _____ be si- lent now. _____

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You rocks and stones, I charge you all to break, _____ I charge,

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I charge _____ you all to break _____ your flint -

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- - - y _____ si - lence, your flint - - - - -

- y si- lence if men _____ cease _____ to _____ speak, if men _____ cease _____

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_____ to speak, to speak, _____ to speak;

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you that possess _____ the sa - cred art, you that possess _____

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— the sa - cred art or now or nev - er, nev - er show it, nev - er,

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nev - - - er show it, plead, plead,

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— not your Muse is out of heart, plead, plead

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— not your Muse is out of heart: here's that cre - ates, cre -

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Be ravish'd, earth, to

- ates, here's that cre - ates, cre - ates a po - et. Be ravish'd, earth,

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see this con - tract driv - en 'twixt sin - - ful

to see this con - tract driv'n 'twixt sin - ful men and re - con -

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men and re - con - cil - ed heav'n. Dismount, you quire, dismount, you
 -cil'd, and re - con - cil - ed heav'n. Dismount, you quire

quire of an - - gels, come, with men, come, with
 of an - - gels, come, with men, you quire of an - gels, come, with

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men_ your joys divide; heav'n nev - er_ show'd, heav'n nev - er_ show'd
 men your joys di-vide; heav'n nev - er_ show'd, heav'n nev - er_

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so sweet a bride - groom, nor earth so fair, so fair a
 show'd so sweet a bridegroom, nor earth so fair, so fair a

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bride, nor earth so fair a bride, so fair a bride.
 bride, nor earth so fair a bride, so fair a bride.