

Messiah

Alexander Pope, 1712
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A cappella Anthem, for Two Trebles, Counter, Tenor, and Bass
Transcribed from *The Union Harmony*, 1793.

G Major
Oliver Holden, 1793

$\text{♩} = 65$

Treble
Treble 2

Ye nymphs of So - li - ma, be - gin the song, To heav'n - ly themes sub -

8
Treble
Treble 2

li - mer strains be - long, sub - li - mer strains be - long. The mos - sy four - tains,

14
Treble
Treble 2

and the syl - van shades, The dreams of Pin - dus, and th'A - o - ni - an

19
Treble
Treble 2

maids, De - light no more, de - light no more. O thou my voice in - spire Who

Slow Grave

28
Treble
Treble 2
Tenor
Bass

touched I - sai - ah's hal - lowed lips with fire!

Rapt in - to fu - ture times, the bard be - gun:

mp

34
 Tenor *mf*
 Bass *mf*
 A vir-gin shall con - ceive, a vir-gin bear a son, a vir - gin bear a son! From

42
 Tenor *f* *p*
 Bass *f* *p*
 Jes-se's root be - hold a branch a - rise, Whose sa-cred flow'r with fra-grance fills the skies; Th'e-

49
 Tenor
 Bass
 the-real spi - rit o'er its leaves shall move, And on its top de - scends the my - stic

54
 Counter
 Tenor
 Bass
 Ye heav'ns! from high the de-wy nec-tar pour, And in soft si - lence
 dove.

60
 Counter
 Tenor
 shed the kind-ly shower! The sick and weak the hea-ling plant shall aid, From storms a shel-ter,

67

Treble

Counter

Tenor

Bass

f *p*

All crimes shall cease, and an - cient fraud shall fail, Re -

and from heat a shade.

73

Treble

Tenor

Bass

f *p*

tur - ning jus - tice lift a - loft her scale; Peace o'er the world her o - live wand ex -

79

Treble

Tenor

Bass

Lively

tend, And white-robed in - no-cence from heav'n de - scend. Swift fly the years, and

85

Treble

Tenor

Bass

Moderate

p

rise th'ex - pec - ted morn! O spring to light, au - spic - ious babe! be born.

92

Treble

Bass

See na-ture haste her ear-liest wreaths to bring, With all the in-cense of the

97

Treble

Bass

brea-thing spring: See lof-ty Le-ba-non his head ad-vamce, See nod-ding for-ests on the

104

Treble

Tenor

Bass

moun-tains dance: _____ See spi-cy clouds from low-ly Sha-ron rise, _____ And

110

Treble

Tenor

Bass

Car-mel's flo-wery top per-fumes the skies!

Hark! a glad voice the lone-ly

118

Treble

Tenor

Bass

Pre- pare the way! A God, a God ap- pears! _____

de- sert cheers; _____ Pre- pare the way! A God, a God! the vo-cal hills re- ply; The

A God, a God ap- pears!

125

Treble

Tenor

Bass

8

rocks pro - claim the ap - proa - ching di - e - ty.

Lo, earth re - ceives him

131

Bass

from the ben - ding skies! Sink down, ye moun - tains, and ye val - leys, rise; _____

138

Bass

With heads de - cined, ye ce - dars, ho - mage pay; Be smooth, ye rocks, ye ra - pid floods, give

145

Treble

Tenor

Bass

8

The Sa - vior comes, by

way, Be smooth, ye rocks, ye ra - pid floods, give way;

153

Treble

Tenor

Bass

8

an - cient bards fore - told! Hear him, ye deaf, Hear him, ye deaf, and all ye blind, be - hold!

159

Treble

Tenor

Bass

No sigh, no mur-mur the wide world shall hear, From eve-ry face he wipes off eve - ry tear.

Moderato

166

Treble

Tenor

Bass

In ad - a - man-tine chains shall death be bound, And hell's grim ty-rant feel th'e - ter-nal

173

Treble

Tenor

Bass

wound. No more shall na-tion a-against na - tion rise, Nor ar-dent war - riors meet with

181

Treble

Tenor

Bass

hate - ful eyes. Rise, crowned with light, im - per - ial Sa - lem, rise! Ex -

188

Treble

Tenor

Bass

alt thy tow - ery head, and lift thy eyes! See heav'n its spar - kling por - tals

195

Treble

Tenor

Bass

wide dis - play, And break up-on thee in a flood of day! No more the ri - sing

202

Treble

Tenor

Bass

sun shall gild the more, — Nor eve - ning Cyn - thia fill her sil - ver horn; But lost, dis -

209

Treble

Tenor

Bass

solved in thy su - per - ior rays, One tide of glo - ry, one un - clou - ded blaze O'er -

215

Treble

Tenor

Bass

8 flow thy courts: The light him - self shall shine, Re - vealed, and God's e -

221

Slow

Treble

Tenor

Bass

8 ter - nal day be thine! The seas shall waste, the skies in smoke de - cay,

228

Treble

Tenor

Bass

8 Rocks fall to dust, and moun - tains melt a - way; But fixed his word, his

235

Treble

Tenor

Bass

8 sa - ving power re - mains; Thy realm for - ev - er lasts, thy own Mes - si - ah reigns!