1. Lord, what is man, poor feeble man, Born of the earth at first? His life a shadow, light and vain, Still hast - ing to the dust.

2. O what is fee-ble, dy-ing man, Or an-y of his race, That God should make it his concern To vis - it him with grace?

3. That God who darts his lightnings down, Who shakes the worlds above, And mountains tremble at his frown, How wondrous is his love!


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## ROCKBRIDGE. L. M.


2. Sweet is the day of sacred rest; No mortal cares shall seize my breast; O may my heart in tune be found, Like David's harp of solemn sound.


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C Minor. H. Moore, by 1806 (v.1,2); C. Wesley, 1747 (v.A,B).
Arr. in The United States' Sacred Harmony, 1799.


## HOLY CITY. 7, 6. D.

A Major. Mead's General Selection, 1807.


1. There is a ho - by cit - y, A hap - by world a - move, Be - yond the star - ry re-gions, Built by the God of love; 2. The meanest child of glo-ry Out-shines the ra-diant sun; But who can speak the splendor Of that e-ter-nal throne,


An av - er-last-ing tem-ple, And saints ar-ray'd in white; They
serve the great re - deem-er, And dwell with him in
light.
Where Te - suss sits ex - alt -ed, In god-like maj-es - ty; The
elders fall be - fore him; The
an - gels bend the
knee.


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knee.



## OVERTON. L. M. D.

Bb Major. Henry Alline, 1793
Ananias Davisson, 1826 (alto from Christian Harmony, 1866).

1.2.

G Major. James Relly, 1758.
William Billings, 1786.

heav'n; The proof of


2. Teach us, O Lord, how frail is man; And kindly lengthen out the span, Till a wise care of pi-e - ty Fit us to die and dwell with thee.


NUREMBURG. 7s.
Bb Major. John Newton, 1779.
 Then my Sav - ior was my song, Then my soul was fill'd with love;

Those were happy golden days, Sweetly spent in pray'r and praise.


Sin has put my joys to flight, Sin has turn'd my days to night.

3. Sav-ior, shine and clear my soul, Bid my dy-ing hopes re - vive; Make my wound-ed spir-it whole, Far a - way the temp-ter drive;

Speak the word, and set me free, Let me live a - lone to thee.


NIGHT THOUGHT. C. M. D.

## B Minor. Ingalls' Christian Harmony, 1805.

Arr. Jeremiah Ingalls, 1805.



C Major. Broadside ballad, 1800s.


I once was a sea-man stout and bold, Oft - times I've ploughed the o - cean; I've ploughed it all o'er and o'er a - gain, For hon - or and pro-mo-tion.

A - board a man- of- war and mer-chant-man,


A - board a man- of- war and mer-chant-man, I've ploughed it all o'er and o'er a - gain, For hon-or and pro-mo-tion.


Many be the battles that I've been in; It was all for the hon-or of George Washing-ton, And I'll still be the jol-ly jol-ly sol - dier.


Many be the battles that I've been in; It was all for the hon-or of George Washing - ton, And I'll still be the jol-ly jol-ly sol - dier.


3. Come all you who have wealth Pray be - ware of am - bi - tion For a small twist of fate, It may change your con - $\mathrm{di}-\mathrm{tion}$.

moon On the great Mount Di - a - na, With his eyes on the waves That roll a - round Saint He - le - na.

time, For what's to come you know not, And your race it could end On the Isle of Saint He - le - na.

A Minor. James Relly, 1758.
William Billings, 1778.

3. O'er the spic - y moun-tains fly, Hart and roe, yea, wind out-strip-ping, While thou tar - ry'st, love, I die,


Sigh - ing, long - ing, lov - ing, weep-ing; Quick-ly, quick-ly, Je-sus come, O make my breast thy na-tive home.


2. Hear, ye sons of wrath and ru - in, Who have wrought your own un-do-ing, Here is life and free sal-va-tion,


To the ru - ined sons of na - ture; Je - sus reigns, he reigns vic-to-rious, O-ver heav'n and earth most glo-rious, Je - sus reigns.


Of-fer'd to the whole cre - a - tion; Je - sus reigns, he reigns vic-to - rious, O - ver heav'n and earth most glo-rious, Je - sus reigns.


Streaming from the ho - ly mountain; Je - sus reigns, he reigns vic-to - rious, O - ver heav'n and earth most glo-rious, Je - sus reigns.





What can I want be - side, My shepherd's with me there,

What can I want be - side,
My shepherd's with me there,

C Major. John Denham, 1714; rev. Isaac Watts, 1719.


The heav'ns are for his curtains spread,
Clouds are his chariot when he flies On winged storms a-cross the skies.
Th'unfathom'd deep he makes his bed;


Th'unfathom'd deep he makes his bed;


G Major. Isaac Watts, 1707.



Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one,


Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one,

But all their joys


Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys,


But all their joys are one; Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one, But all their joys are one.
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But all their joys are one;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one, But all their joys are one.

are one; Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one,
But all their joys are one,
But all their joys are one.


But all their joys are one, But all their joys are one; Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.


love him too,

That they may seek and love him too, Where he is gone they fain would know, That they may seek and love him too. too.


[^0]E Major. Isaac Watts, 1719.
Daniel Read, 1798.

shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more,
His kingdom stretch, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.


His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
Till moons shall wax and wane no more,

wane no more,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

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\text { G Major. Isaac Watts, } 1719 .
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sing and bless Jehovah's name; His glory let the peoples know, His wonders to the nations show, And all his saving works proclaim. -claim.

sing and bless Jehovah's name; His glory let the peoples know, His wonders to the nations show, And all his saving works proclaim.


[^1]I'll go and come nor fear
to
die, Till from on high he calls me home.

## F Major. John Leland, 1797.

Arr. D. H. Mansfield, 1849.


1. Now the Sav-ior stands a-pleading At the sin-ner's bolt-ed heart; Now, in heav'n he's in - ter-ced-ing, Un - der - tak - ing sin - ners' part.

Sinners, can you hate the Savior? Will you thrust him from your arms?
D.C. Once he died for your be-hav-ior, Now he calls you to his charms.

2. Now he's wait - ing to be gra-cious, Now he stands and looks on thee; See what kind-ness, love, and pit-y, Shine a - round on you and me.
D.C. Once he died for your be-hav-ior, Now he calls you to his charms.

## BOWEN. L. M. D.


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G Minor. N. Tate \& N. Brady, 1696.

## POOLE. L. M.

William Knapp, 1750.




When God our lead - er shines in arms What mortal heart can bear
The thun-der of his loud a-larms, The


The thun - der of his loud a - larms The light - ning


When God our lead - er shines in arms What mortal heart can bear
The thun-der of his loud a - larms The light - - ning of his spear?


The thunder of his loud alarms
The light - - ning of his spear?


And angels in ar - ray In millions wait to know their mind


He rides upon the wing-ed wind
And swift as flames obey.



1. Had not thy word been my de - light When earth-ly joys were fled,
 But now I learn to keep thy word,



G Major. B. F. Davis, 1848.


shades, on fros-ty ground, I could at - tend the pleasing sound; Nor should I feel De - cem-ber cold, Nor think the sea-sons long.

dains that lit-tle snare, The tan-gles of A - mir-a's hair; Thine arms, my God, are sweet-er bands, Nor can my heart re - move.




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IN EVIL LONG. C. M. D.
E Minor. John Newton, 1779.


1. In e-vil long I took de - light, Un-awed by shame or fear;

Till a new object struck my sight, And stopp'd my wild career.
D.C. Who fixed his languid eyes on me, As near his cross I stood.

I saw one hanging on a tree, In ag-o-nies and blood;

2. Sure, never to my latest breath Can I for - get that look:

It seemed to charge me with his death, Tho' not a word he spoke. D.C. This blood is for thy ransom paid; I'll die that thou may'st live."

A second look he gave, which said, "I freely all for - give;


their ea - ger wings, And burn to meet thy fyy - ing throne; We rise a-way from mor-tal things, Tat - tend thy shin -ing char-iot down.


C Major. Reginald Heber, 1811 \& Brick Church Hymns, 1823.
R. Herron, 1826 (alto from Harmonia Sacra).


An - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing, Mak - er and mon - arch and Sav - ior of all!


Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion, Dear - er to God are the pray'rs of the poor.


DESPAIR.
L. P. M.


Arr. Jeremiah Ingalls, 1805 (alto from Hesperian Harp).


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B Minor. Isaac Watts, 1707.

## WALPOLE. C. M. D.

Abraham Wood, 1786.


Oh, if my soul was form'd for woe, How would I vent my sighs! Re-pent-ance should like riv - ers flow


And groan'd
a - way
a dy - ing
life For thee, my soul, for thee, For thee, my soul,
for thee.


A Major. Antoinette Bourignon, c. 1680; trans. Byrom, 1739.


D Minor. Caleb Jarvis Taylor, 1804.

March you to-wards Ie - ru - s'lem

2. To Canaan's coast we'll hasten, To join the heav'nly throng; Hark, from the banks of Jor - dan, How sweet the pilgrims' song!


A Minor. Isaac Watts, 1719.

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\text { Uri K. Hill, } 1801 .
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Hear me O Lord, nor hide thy face, But answer lest I die; Hast thou not built a throne of grace, To hear when sinners cry.


My days are wasted


Hear me O Lord, nor hide thy face, But answer lest I die; Hast thou not built a throne of grace, To hear when sinners cry.


My days are wasted

like the smoke, Dissolving in the air, My strength is dry'd, my heart is broke, And sinking in de - spair. -spair.

days are wasted like the smoke, Dis-solv-ing in the air,
My strength is dry'd, my heart is broke, And sinking in de - spair. -spair.

like the smoke, Dis - solv-ing in the air,

G Major. John Leland, 1801.


The north and south their suns resign, And earth's foun - da - tion bend;
D.C. Christ, like a comely bride adorn'd, All glorious shall de - scend.
D.c.

2. The ho - ly bright mu - si - cian band, Who play on harps of gold,

In ho-ly or-der, see they stand, Fair Sa-lem to be - hold.
D.C. Such shouts thro' earth's extensive plains Were never heard before.

As - cending on such melt - ing strains, Je - ho - vah's name they bear,
D.C.

3. Like ap - ples fair his beauties are, To feed and cheer the mind, No earth - ly fruit can so re - cruit, Nor flagons full of wine. D.C. In raptures sweet, and bliss complete, They feast and never cloy.

## OLIVE SHADE. P. M.

B Minor. Felicia Browne Hemans, 1834.


## ETHERIDGE. <br> L. M.

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1. Be - hold! with aw - ful pomp, The Judge pre-pares to come; Th'archangel sounds the dreadful trump, And wakes the gen'ral doom, And wakes the gen' - ral doom.
2. Na - ture, in wild a - maze, Her dis - so -lu-tion mourns; Blush - es of blood the moon de - face; The sun to dark-ness turns, The sun to dark - ness turns.
3. The liv - ing look with dread, The fright - ed dead a - rise, Start from the mon-u-men-tal bed, And lift their ghast-ly eyes, And lift their ghast-ly eyes.


## MIOUNT WATSON. 8, 7.

F\# Minor. John Leland, 1807.


1. Death shall not destroy my comfort, Christ shall guide me thro' the gloom; Down he'll send some heav'nly convoy, To es - cort my spir - it home.
2. See the hap - py spir - its wait-ing, On the banks beyond the stream! Sweet responses still re - peat - ing: Je - sus, Je - sus! is their theme.
3. Worlds of light and crowns of glo - ry, Far a - bove yon az - ure sky, Tho' by faith I now ex - plore you, I'll en - joy you soon on high.


Cho. O halle - lu - jah, how I love my Savior! O halle - lu - jah, that I do! Hal-le-lu-jah, how I love my Savior! Mourners, you may love him, too.

## D Minor. Joseph Hart, 1759.

Abraham Wood, 1789.
 Great High Priest, we see thee stoop-ing, With our names up - on thy breast, In the gar-den groan-ing, droop-ing,


To the ground with sor-rows pressed. Weep-ing an-gels stand con - founded, To be - hold their Maker thus,



## MARCIA. L. M.

G Major. William Cowper, 1779.
Leshana Haba'ah Biyerushalayim - Next Year in Jerusalem

John Bayer \& Judy Hauff, 1994.


1. As birds their in - fant brood pro - tect, And spread their wings to shelter them; Thus saith the Lord to his e-lect, So will I guard Je-ru-sa-lem.

2. There, tho' be - sieg'd on ev' - ry side, Yet much be - lov'd and guarded well; From age to age they have de - fied The ut - most force of earth and hell.

3. Let earth re - pent, and hell de - spair, This cit - y hath a true de - fense; Her name is call'd The Lord is There, And who has pow'r to drive them thence?


A Minor. Robert Robinson, 1758.


1. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; Hither by thy help I'm come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to ar - rive at home.
2. O to grace how great a debt - or Daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

3. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts a - bove.


## STONY ISLAND. P. M.



Come to Calv'ry's ho-ly mountain, Sin-ners, ru-ined by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing fountain Flows to



Jeremiah Ingalls, 1796.


0 The God of glo-ry sends his summons forth, Calls the south nations and a - wakes the north;


The God of glo-ry sends his summons forth, Calls the south nations and a - wakes the north; From east to west his


From east to west his sov'reign or-ders

sov'reign or-ders spread, From east to west his sov' - reign or - ders spread, Thro' distant worlds, and regions of the dead.
6):
spread,

trumpet sounds; hell trem - bles, heav'n re - joices;

trumpet sounds; hell trem - bles, heav'n re - joices; Lift



SINAI, Concluded.

he pro-nounced his dread - ful law, And struck the cho - sen tribes with awe, And struck the cho - sen tribes with awe. awe.


[^2]C. M. T.


How did my heart re-joice to hear My friends de-vout-ly say In Zi -on let us all ap-pear, And keep the sol-emn day! And


How did my heart re-joice to



mild-er face, Up to her courts, with joys un-known, The ho-ly tribes re-pair; The son of Da-vid holds his throne, And sits in judg-ment there.


mild-er face, Up to her courts, with joys un-known, The ho-ly tribes re-pair; The son of Da-vid holds his throne, And sits in judg-ment there.


some re-treat, Our Je - sus still draws nigh-er; His pre - cious name lights up the flame That sets our souls on fi - re.

pow'rs em-ploy, To see the cause ad - vanc-ing, Though some go off, and bold - ly scoff, And say that we are danc - ing.

hearts to bend, Ar - rest them by thy thun-der! Let sweet-est songs em-ploy their tongues; Fill them with joy and won - der.


F Major. Isaac Watts, 1719.

HERMON. L. M.
Ezra Goff, 1786; arr. John G. McCurry, 1855 (alto by R. W. Hall).


High was thy throne ere heav'n was made, Or earth, thy humble

earth, thy humble footstool, laid, High was thy throne ere heav'n was made,
Or earth, thy humble footstool, laid. laid.


Or earth, thy humble footstool, laid. laid.


Or earth, thy humble footstool, laid, Or earth, thy humble footstool, laid. laid.

foot

Or earth, thy humble footstool, laid. laid.
Or earth, thy humble foot - stool, laid,





Is-rael's King, They speak the mon-arch nigh, Rapt at the ap-proach of Is-rael's King, They speak the mon - arch nigh.




PCM 35
G Major. Charles Wesley, 1763.
PSALM 30. S. M.
Join in a
Ce - les - tial


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\text { Arr. Amzi Chapin, c. } 1798 .
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1. And am I born to die? To lay this bod - y down! And must my trembling spir - it fly In - to a world un - known?

2. Soon as from earth I go, What will be - come of me? E - ter - nal hap-pi - ness or woe Must then my por - tion be!


## PARRISH. <br> C. M. D.

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[^3]PARRISH, Concluded.


## SYMYADDA. 11s.


2. My Jesus is precious, I cannot forbear, Though sinners despise me, his love to declare; His love overwhelms me, had I wings to fly, I'd praise him in mansions prepared in the sky.

Sand Mountain trad.; arr. John Bayer \& Judy Hauff, 1998. Of objects most pleasing I love thee the best; blest.
$\qquad$ D.c.

3. Then millions of ages my soul would employ In praising my Jesus, my love and my joy, Without interruption, when all the glad throng, With pleasures unceasing unite in the song.

2. Say, "Live forever, wondrous king! Born to redeem, and strong to save!" Then ask the monster "Where's thy sting? And where's thy vic'try, boasting grave?"


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SPRINGFIELD. P. M.
Babcock, 1779.

B Minor. Charles or John Wesley, 1745 .

1. Je - sus
2. Weep o'er
dour
3. 



1. Je - sus drinks the bit - ter cup, The wine - press
2. Weep o'er your de - sire and hope, With tears of

 rum - blest love;



STAFFORD. S. M.
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A Major. Joseph Hart, 1759.
Daniel Read, 1782.

minds,
flame,


## THE BURIAL. P. M.




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## THE HUMBLE PENITENT. L. M.


2. Tho' I have most unfaithful been Of all, whoe'er thy grace receiv'd, Ten thousand times thy goodness seen, Ten thousand times thy goodness griev'd.

3. E'en now my wear - y soul release, And raise me with thy gracious hand, Guide me in - to thy per - fect peace, And bring me to the promis'd land.


grace a-dore, arm hath done,

Who all our sor-rows bore; Sing a-loud, ev-er-more, What spoils from death he won; Sing his great name a-lone,

Wor-thy the
Wor-thy the

Lamb, Wor-thy the
Lamb, Wor-thy the

Lamb. Lamb.

grace a-dore, arm hath done,

Who all our sor-rows bore; Sing a-loud, ev-er-more,
What spoils from death he won; Sing his great name a-lone,

Wor - thy the
Wor - thy the

Lamb, Wor-thy the Lamb, Wor-thy the

Lamb. Lamb.


E Minor. Mead's General Selection, 1807.
William Walker, 1845.


1. Come all ye ten-der-heart - ed Christ-ians, Come join with me to weep and mourn, To see the man of con - stant sor - row, A-bas'd, for - sak-en, and for-lorn;

The fox-es they have holes pre-par-ed,

2. Be-hold him in cold moun-tains pray - ing, He was with grief and tears ac-quaint-ed,

He spent whole nights in pray'r and praise; He went a mourn-er all his days;

Be-hold him in the gar-den ly-ing,


His soul in floods of sor - row drown'd, And the large blood-y sweat a run-ning In trick-ling drops down to the ground.


A Major. Isaac Watts, 1706.
Crane, 1788.


Bb Major. Isaac Watts, 1707.
Reubin Monday, 1816.




Bb Major. John Perry, 1833, alt.


1. Let me go to my home in the far distant west, To the scenes of my childhood, in
in - nocence blest, Where the tall cedars 2. And, oh! do let me go to my wild for-est home, No more from its life cheer-ing fond pleasures to roam 'Neath the grove of the

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in - nocence blest, Where the tall cedars 2. And, oh! do let me go to my wild for-est home, No more from its life cheer-ing fond pleasures to roam 'Neath the grove of the

wave, and the bright waters flow, Where my fa-thers re-pose, let me go, let me go, glen let my ash-es lie low, To my home in the wood let me go, let me go,

Where my fa-thers re-pose, oh! there let me go. ค To my home in the wood, oh! there let me go.

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glen let my ash-es lie low, To my home in the wood let me go, let me go,
Where my fa-thers re-pose, oh! there let me go. To my home in the wood, oh! there let me go.


E Minor. Samuel Wesley, Sr., 1737.


earth's strong pil-lars bend. The tem - ple's veil in sun-der breaks, The sol-id mar-bles rend. 'Tis done, the pre-cious ran-som's



O lamb of God, was ev - er pain, Was ev-er love like thine, Was ev-er, Was ev-er, Was ev-er love like thine!


O lamb of God,
was ev - er pain,
Was ev-er, Was ev-er, Was ev-er love


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## Preface

The original inspiration for The Shenandoah Harmony was to create a collection of the best songs compiled, printed, and published by Ananias Davisson from 1816 to 1826 in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. These works include five editions of the Kentucky Harmony and three editions of A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony. The Kentucky Harmony combined composed songs with arranged folk tunes of the era. A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony was an innovative book containing spiritual folk songs based on the oral traditions of the area and camp-meeting songs, which had recently become popular. These were collected and set in parts by Davisson himself and other musicians, singing school masters, and tunebook compilers in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia. Davisson's publications, like other tunebooks of the region, were printed in four-shape notation.

Davisson, who was born in 1780 in Shenandoah County, Virginia and died in Rockingham County, Virginia in 1857, was at the crossroads of this unique American music. He benefited from the efforts of numerous others, including William Billings, who composed the first entirely English-language book of American music, The New-England PsalmSinger (1770); William Little and William Smith, who published the first shape-note tunebook, The Easy Instructor (1801); and John Wyeth, who combined spiritual folk songs and New England tunes into the influential and economically successful Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second (1813).

Davisson's contributions to southern folk hymnody, as well as his commercial success, derived from his ability to select tunes that were deeply appealing. His choices influenced, to a greater or lesser degree,
many other tunebooks that followed. These included, but were not limited to, Samuel Metcalf's The Kentucky Harmonist (1818), Allen D. Carden's The Missouri Harmony (1820), William Moore's Columbian Harmony (1825), William Walker's Southern Harmony (1835), and William Caldwell's Union Harmony (1837).

In compiling The Shenandoah Harmony, the music committee chose to complement and expand upon Davisson's song selections with compelling tunes from these and other sources in the singing-school repertoire. Thousands of tunes were reviewed from a wide variety of sources: Southern and Mid-Atlantic tunebooks from the nineteenth century; selections from New England composers from the late eighteenth to early nineteenth century, some presented here for the first time in shape-note notation; and works by living composers in the shape-note singing community. Our intent was to compile an eclectic and serviceable tunebook that can function both in small groups and in a convention or all-day singing. With few exceptions, we have not included songs from The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.

Many of these songs were composed, but others were arranged from melodies that had been enjoyed for hundreds of years as dance tunes, love ballads, tavern songs, and sea-faring songs by everyday folk. Their pairing with religious texts saved many of these songs from oblivion and often made them even more powerful. We hope our efforts will constitute a successful musical experience for all singers who love this music.
-The Music Committee
"When our circumstances are prosperous, and our spirits in a cheerful frame, we love to express our joy in songs, and improve it by the expression [thereof]. On the other hand; if our souls are bowed down with sorrow and affliction, we still find a soothing balm, an alleviation of our wo, in musical sounds adapted to the tone of our melancholy feelings." —Ananias Davisson, Kentucky Harmony, Ed.2, 1817, page 154.

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Editorial policy. Following traditional practice, we have edited-and occasionally arranged-some of these songs with the goal of making them suitable for class singing. All added voice parts or substantial rearrangements by the committee members are acknowledged. However, many songs contain minor edits that are not marked. Anyone with a scholarly interest in this music is encouraged to use the source code on each song to find the version we referenced (see page 87, "Page layout"). We have also felt free to substitute texts. Additional verses and alternate texts are readily available in hymnals or online.

For further information. Please consult our web site, www.shenandoahharmony.com.

## How to Sing from This Book

Using shaped notes. Shape-note music is read in substantially the same way as standard music notation, with the addition of shaped noteheads. The four-shape system we use was first devised by Little and Smith in Philadelphia in 1799. Each note in the scale has a corresponding shape and syllable: fa, sol, la, mi. A song is sung first using the shape-note syllables and then the verses. Examples of major and minor scales in shapes are as follows:


La Mi Fa Sol La Fa Sol La
La Mi Fa Sol La Fa Sol La
The first note of a major scale always has a triangle-shaped notehead which is sung "fa." The minor scale starts with a rectangle shape, sung "la." These shaped noteheads help singers learn the patterns of whole and half steps that make up musical scales. Intervals between the shapes are the same in any key, major or minor: the interval preceding fa is always a half step; the other shapes are preceded by whole steps. When encountering sharps ( $\sharp$ ) or flats (b), singers may change the vowel sound used with a shape: a sharp sol is a si (see), a sharp fa is a fi (fee), a flat mi is a may and a flat la is a lay. When singing a minor tune, many singers will raise the sixth scale degree half a step, as has been done traditionally, even when a sharp is not written. This practice varies by region, singer, and specific musical instance.

Where to sit and what to sing. In groups both large and small, the tenors, basses, altos, and trebles are arranged clockwise in a hollow square facing inward. We recommend that new singers begin singing the melody. This is the tenor part, or lead,

Treble.

which is found on the second line of the musical score from the bottom. This part is sung by both men and women in high and low octaves. The top line of the staff is the treble part, which is sung by both men and women with high voices. Men with low voices sing the bass part, the bottom line of the staff. On four-part songs, low-voiced women sing the alto part, the second line from the top. On three-part songs, we encourage the altos to sing the bass line in their octave; we have added high choosing notes to some bass parts for this purpose. On two-part songs, tenor and treble sing the top part and bass and alto sing the bottom part. Songs with unusual arrangements of parts are marked. Singers can move to a higher or lower part as desired or as suits their voice.

Style and rhythm. This music is sung vigorously, in full voice, with no vibrato. There is a marked pulse, or accent, on the first and third beats in $4 / 4$ time, the first beat in $2 / 2,2 / 4,3 / 2,3 / 4,3 / 8$, and $9 / 8$ time, and the first and fourth beats in $6 / 8$ and $6 / 4$ time. This keeps the class together and can add more interest to the tune. All parts should enter promptly and confidently on fuguing tunes. Basses should be especially aware, as they usually enter first.

Certain characteristics distinguish many of these tunes: Each part has an independent, melodic character. Parts frequently cross with, for example, the treble singing below the alto, or the tenor below the bass. Harmonies feature open fifths and octaves.

Shape-note singing is a living tradition; the best way to learn is to sing with different groups of people. In particular, singing from The Sacred Harp has formed our concept and love of this music. We recommend listening to a variety of recordings, especially from the South, where the music has been sung continuously for almost two hundred years.

Over many generations, singing communities have developed various unwritten vocal ornaments, rhythmic alterations, and even reharmoni-
zations. As a result, a singer may well be heard singing something other than what is on the page and not be in error.

How songs are keyed. The pitch for each song is set by an experienced singer, who sings the starting chord. The pitch is chosen for the convenience of the singers, often lower than written. The tonic triad is the starting chord of most songs in this book. It contains the first, third, and fifth note of the scale (in each song, the final note of the bass part is the first note of the scale). Once the pitch is given, the group, or class, sounds the opening chord before the song begins. In this tradition, musical instruments are not typically used as accompaniment or to set the pitch.

Leading a song. Singers generally take turns choosing and leading songs themselves throughout the singing session. Leaders begin by clearly announcing their song's page number. Songs are generally not repeated within a day of singing-we encourage singers to fully explore the book. Indicating verses and repeats before singing can help the class. Leaders limit the number of verses and repeats to suit the time and energy of the class. Standing in the center of the square, leaders set an appropriate tempo while facing the tenors. Anyone is welcome to lead; the front row of the tenors will be happy to assist. It is traditional to connect with the tenors by singing their part when leading, but this is not required.

Leaders set and keep the tempo by "beating time" with clearly visible downward and upward motions of the hand. It helps the class stay together if other singers, especially the front row of the tenors, beat time as well. The following time signatures can be led with two beats to a measure: $2 / 2,4 / 4,2 / 4,6 / 4,6 / 8$. The hand moves down on the first beat and up on the second. When there are three beats in a measure (3/2, $3 / 4,3 / 8,9 / 8$ ) the hand moves down on the first beat, down on the second beat, and up on the third.

Page layout. After each song title is the poetic meter. Each song is marked on the left with the key signature and the author of the poetry; on the right is the composer or earliest known source of the music and the year of its composition (if known) or first publication. For example, the tune below, WHEN JESUS WEPT, was first published by William Billings in 1770. The text, attributed to Perez Morton, is in long meter (L. M.). The source we have used for typesetting and page number in that source is found on the upper left corner; see page 92 for a list of source abbreviations. The code "NEPS 56 " means that we typeset the song from page 56 of The New-England Psalm-Singer.

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