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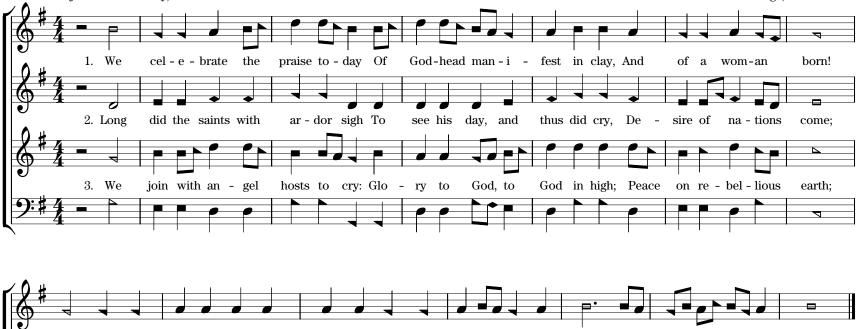
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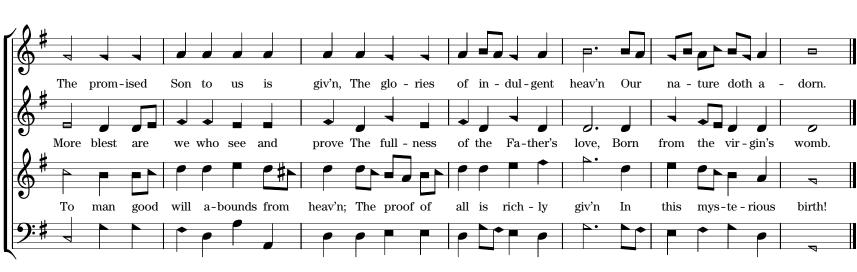
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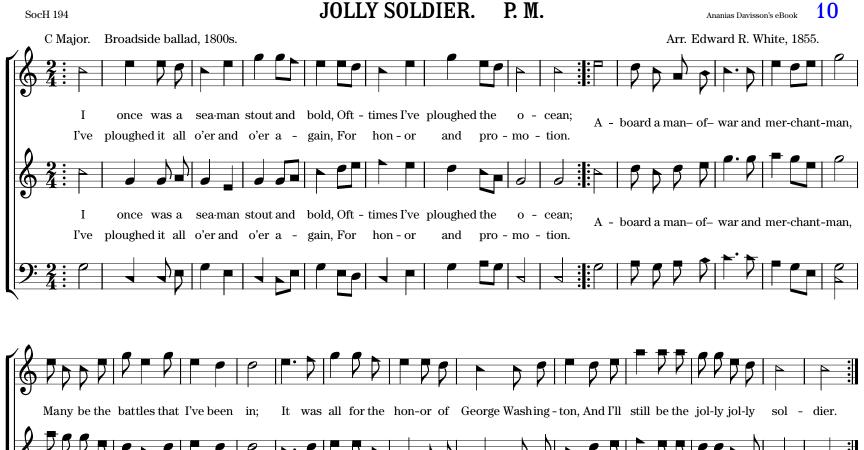


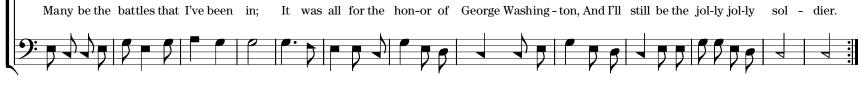




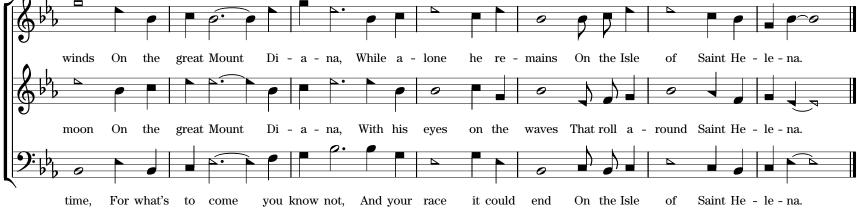






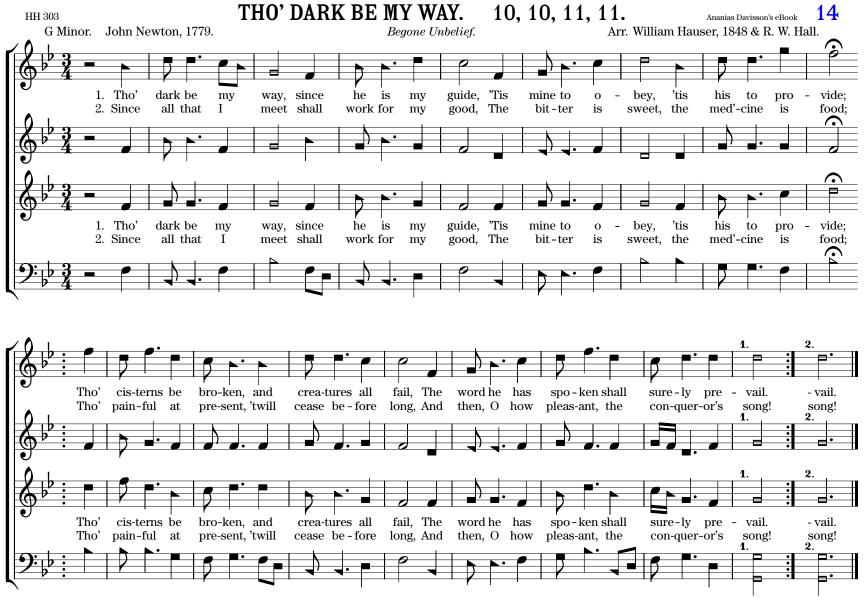




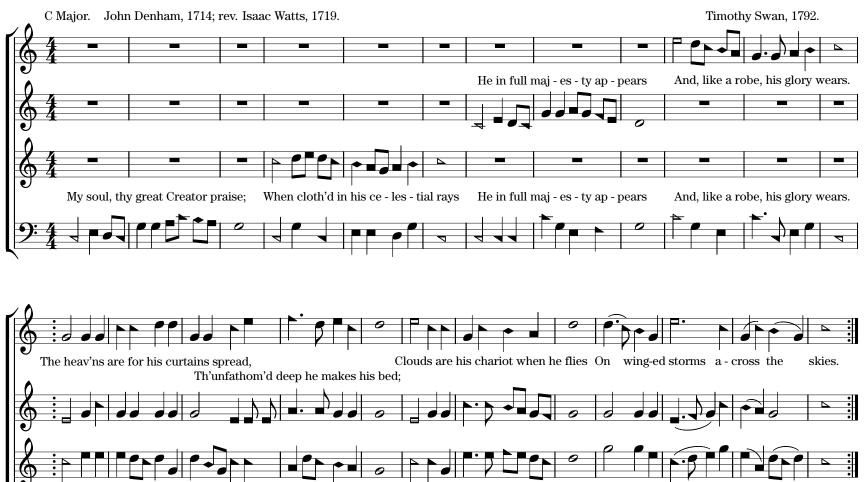




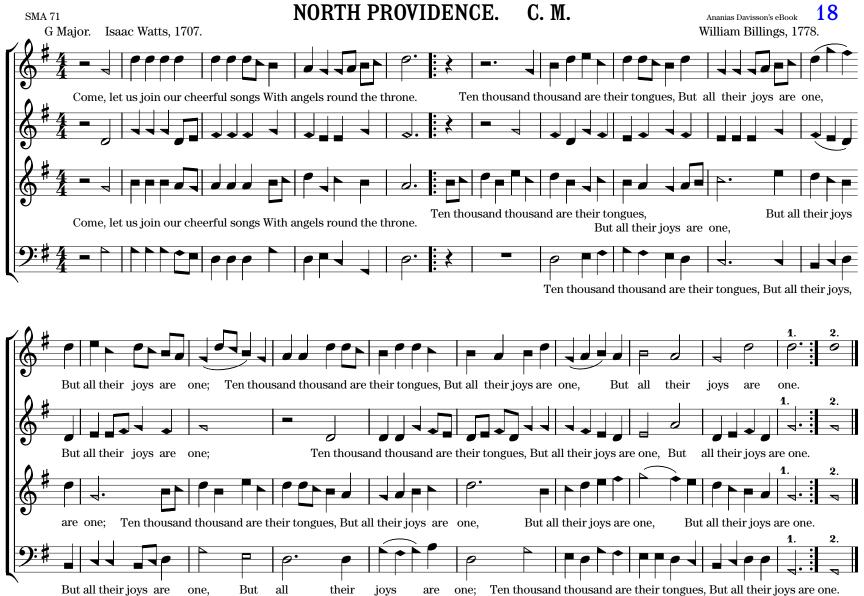
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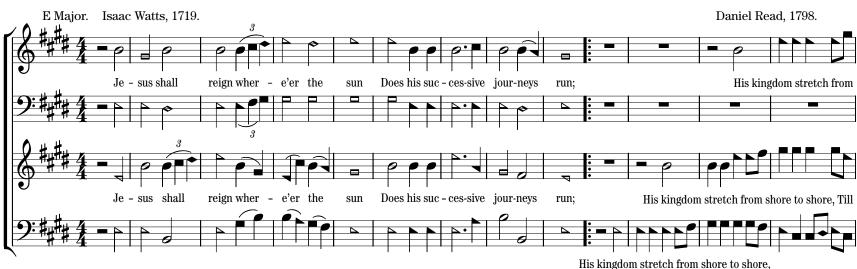


The heav'ns are for his curtains spread, Clouds are his chariot when he flies On wing-ed storms a - cross the skies. Th'unfathom'd deep he makes his bed;

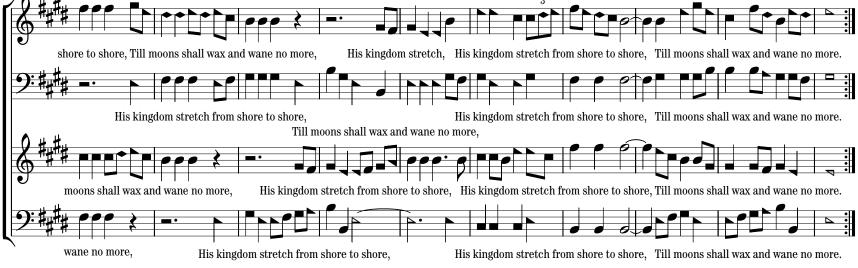








Till moons shall wax and





C Major. Isaac Watts, 1719.

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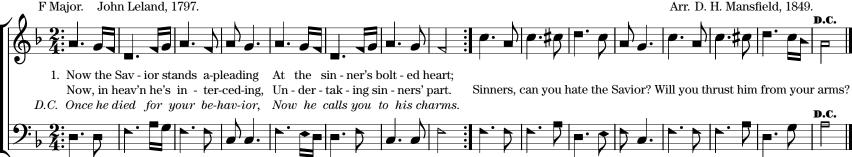
**PSALM 136.** 

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I'll go and come nor fear Till he calls me home. To keep my mortal breath; die, from on high To keep my mortal breath; I'll go and come nor fear to die, Till from on high he calls me home.

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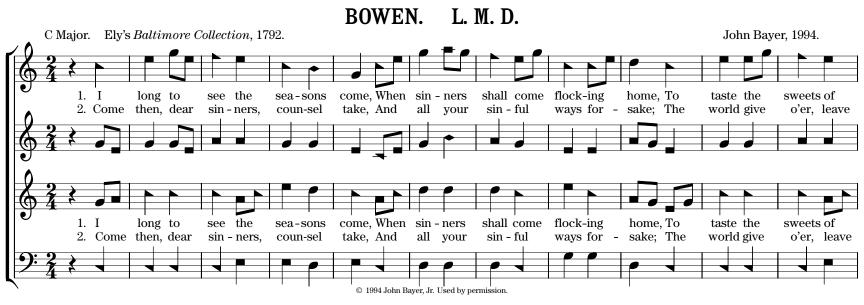


2. Now he's wait - ing to be gra-cious, See what kind-ness, love, and pit-y, Shine a - round on you and me.

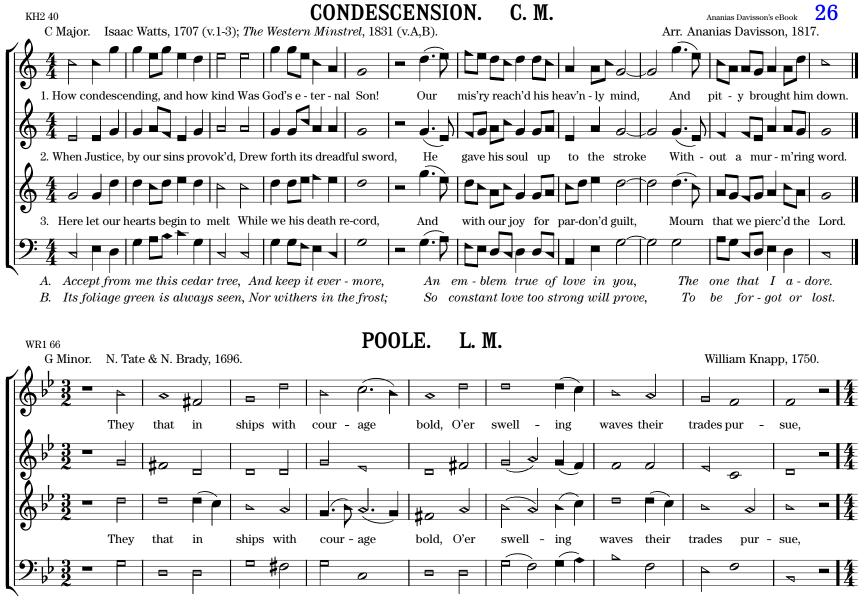
D.C. Once he died for your be-hav-ior,

Now he calls you to his charms.

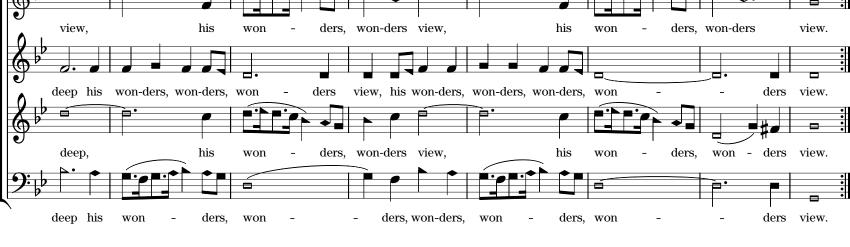
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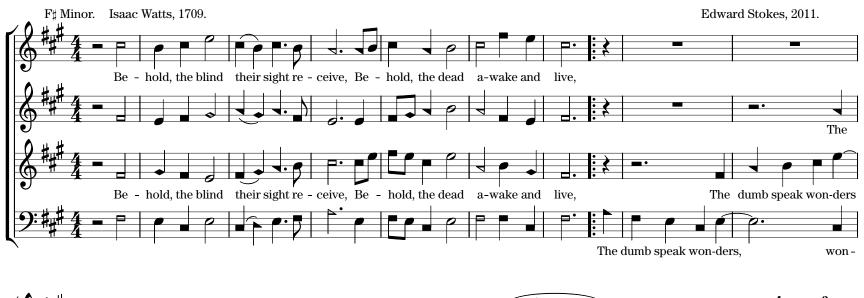


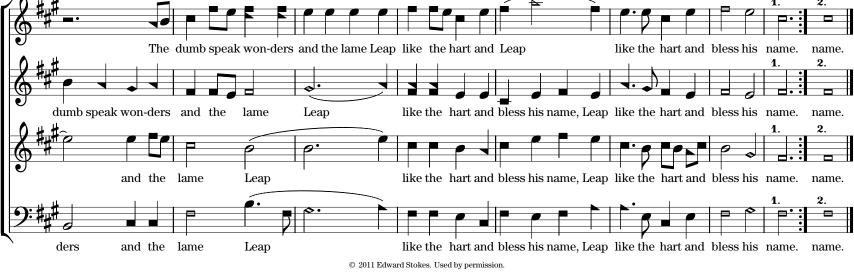




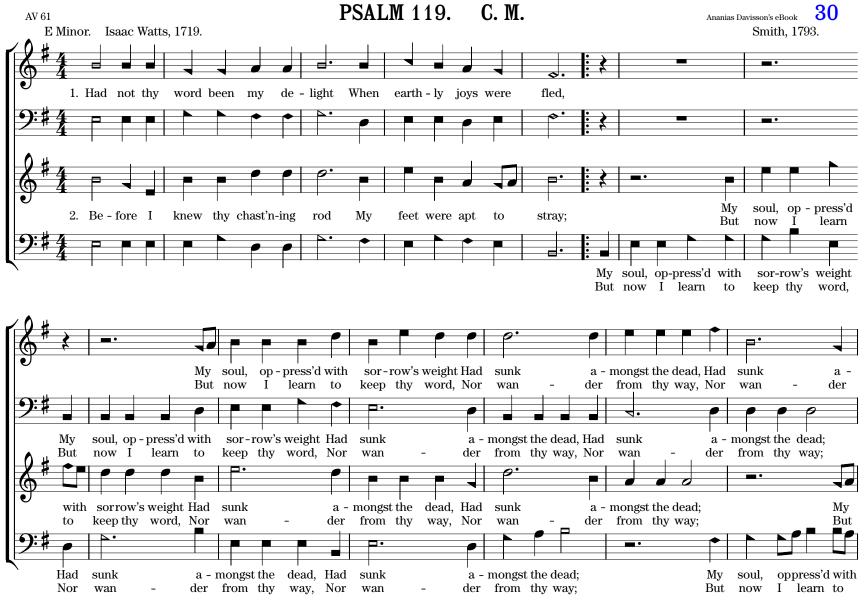
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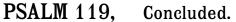


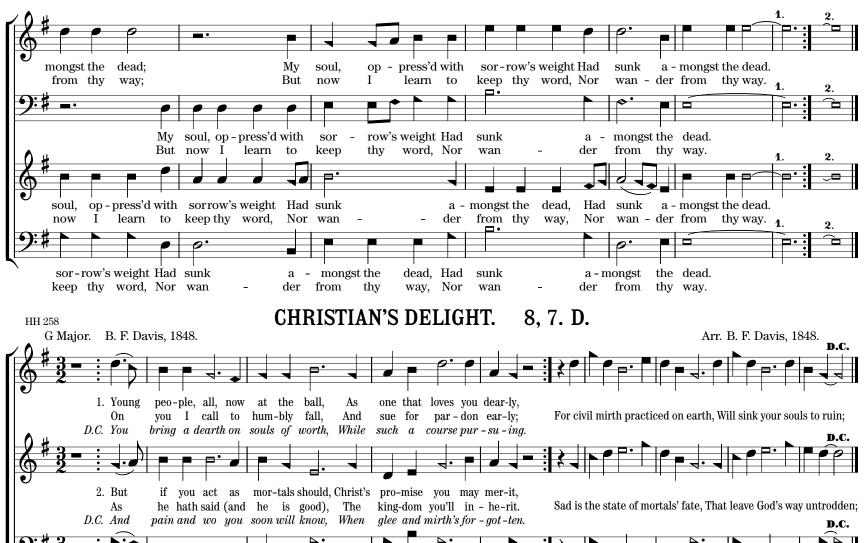










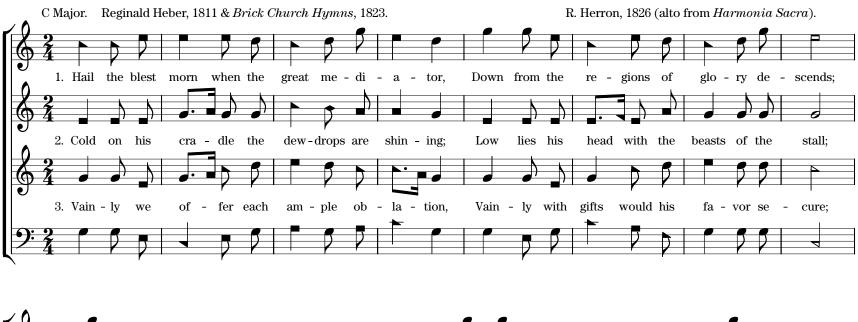




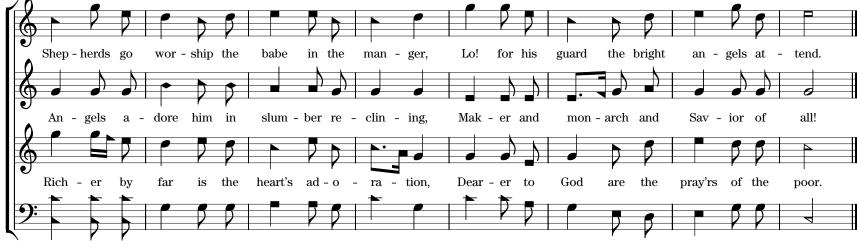






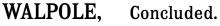


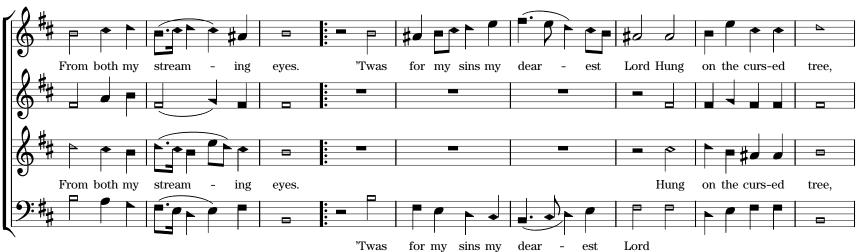
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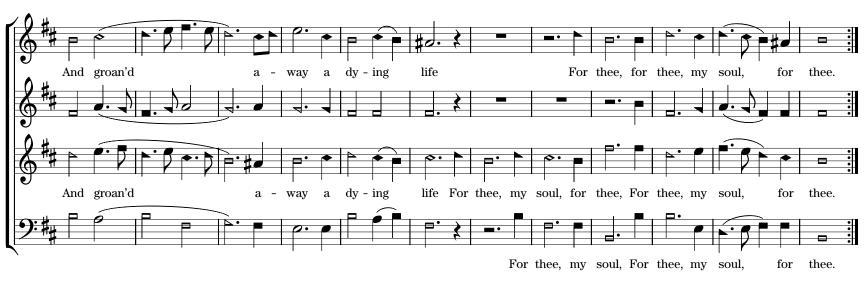










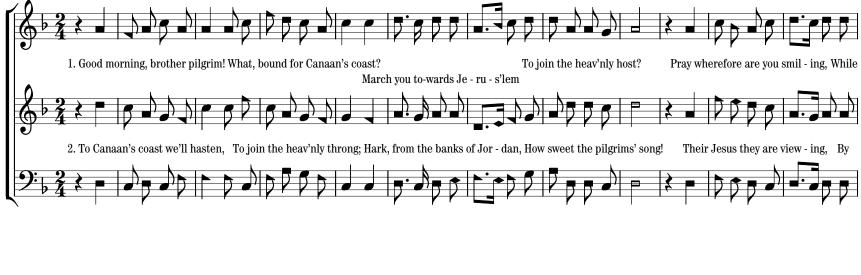




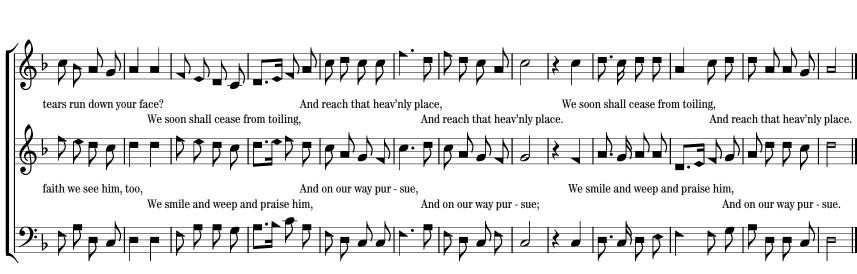
D Minor.

Caleb Jarvis Taylor, 1804.

The Western Harmony, 1824.



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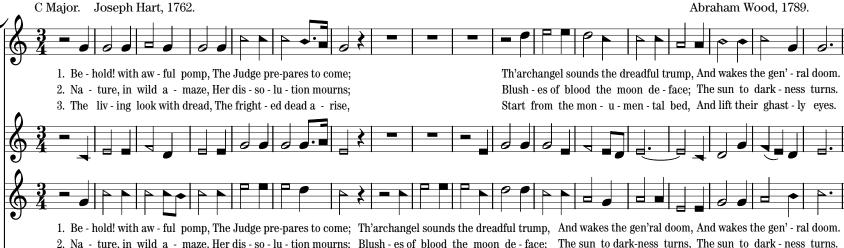


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F♯ Minor.

John Leland, 1807.

Arr. William Hauser, 1878.



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.



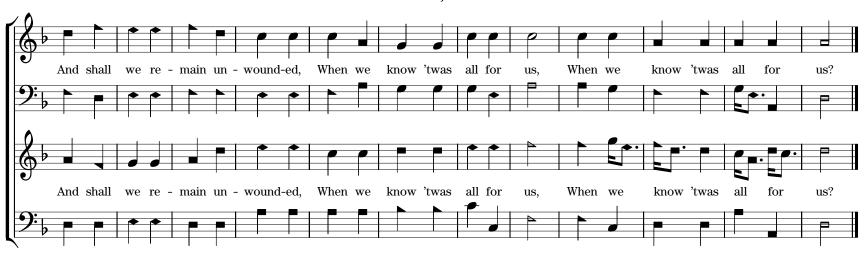
MOUNT WATSON.

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 you 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.







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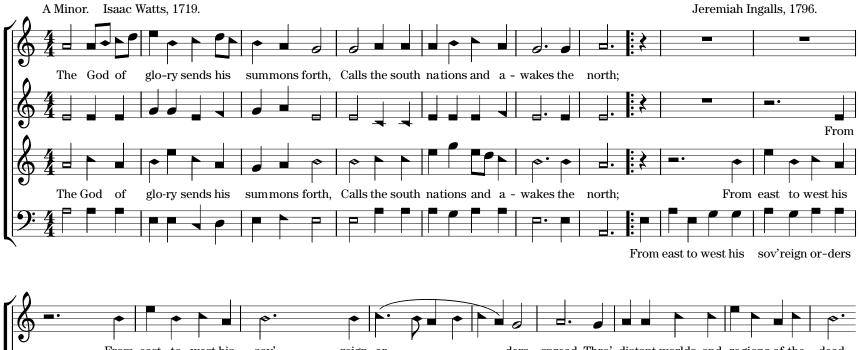
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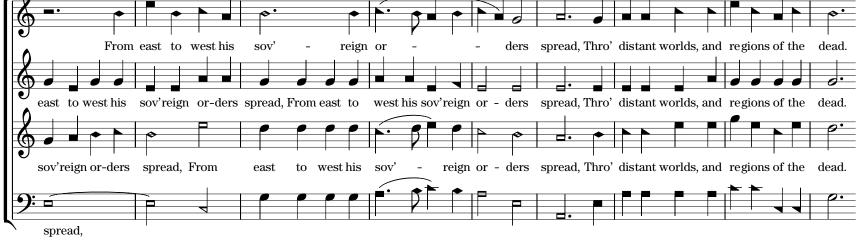
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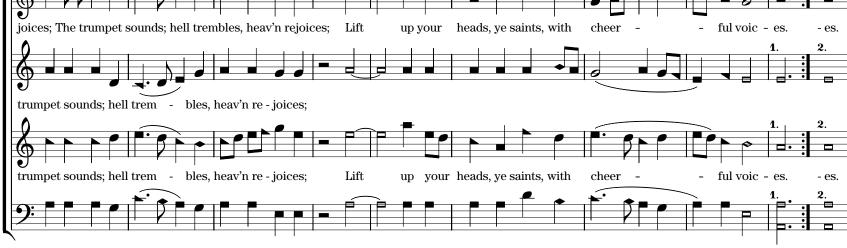
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he pro-nounced his dread - ful law, And struck the cho-sen tribes with awe, And struck the cho sen tribes with awe. awe. ful law, And struck the cho sen tribes with awe. dread And struck the cho-sen tribes with awe, awe.

















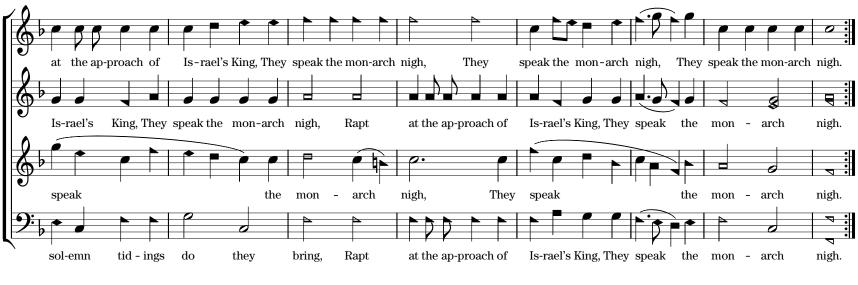






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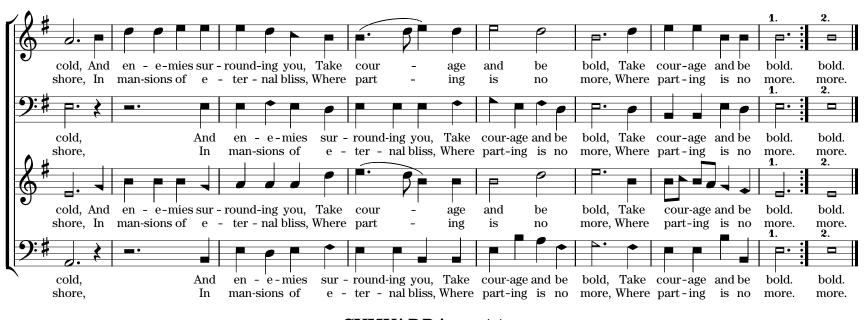








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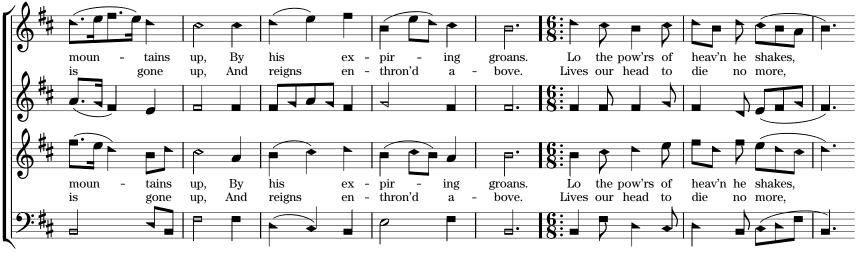
My Jesus is precious, I cannot forbear,
 Though sinners despise me, his love to declare;
 His love overwhelms me, had I wings to fly,
 I'd praise him in mansions prepared in the sky.

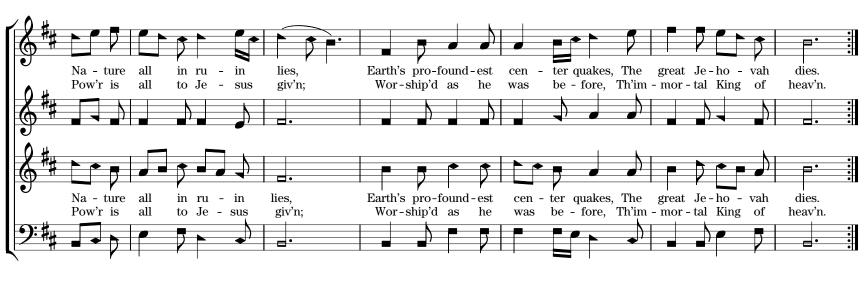
In praising my Jesus, my love and my joy,
Without interruption, when all the glad throng,
With pleasures unceasing unite in the song.

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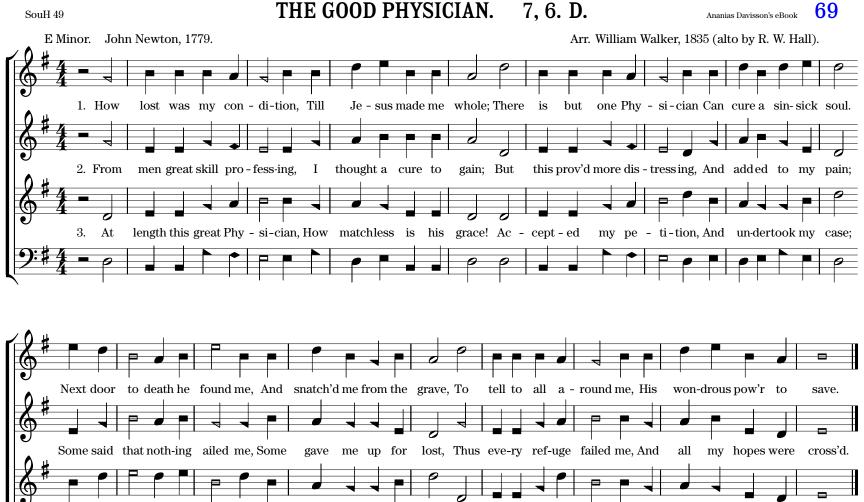


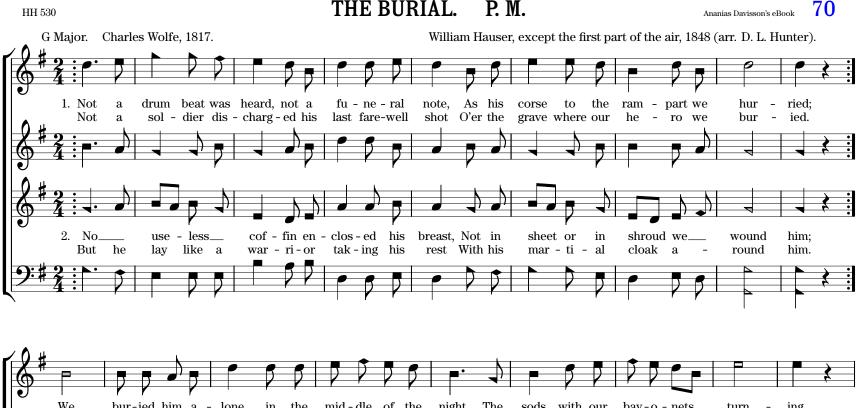
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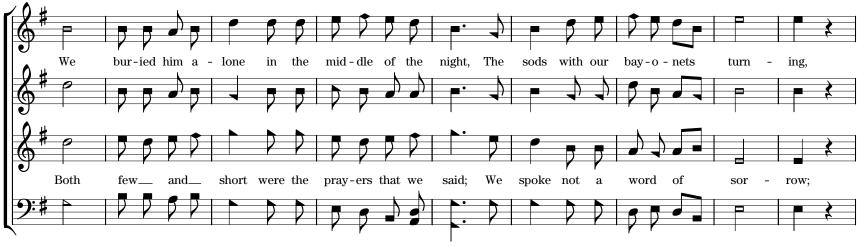
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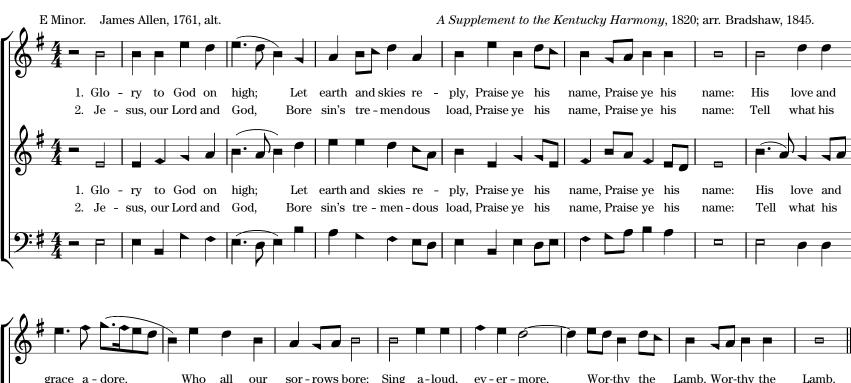


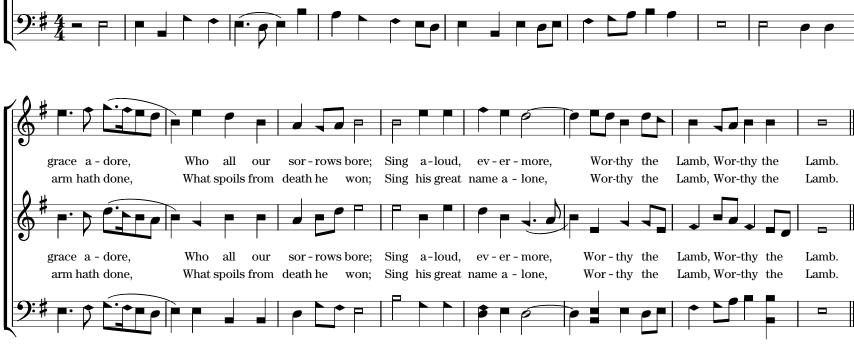


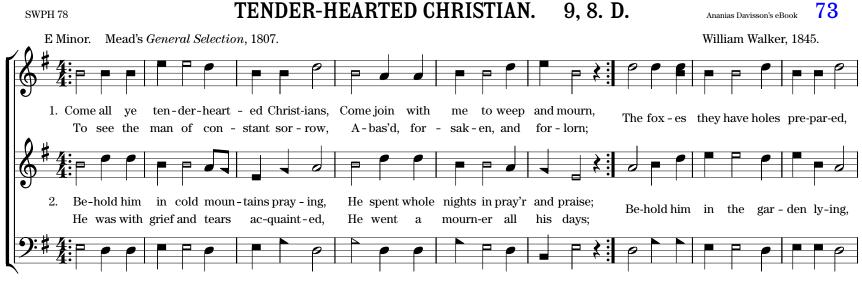
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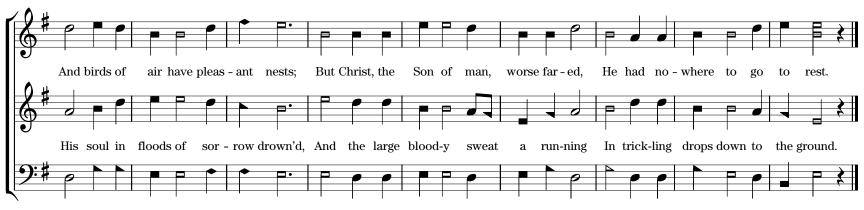
SKH 14

- 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.

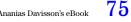




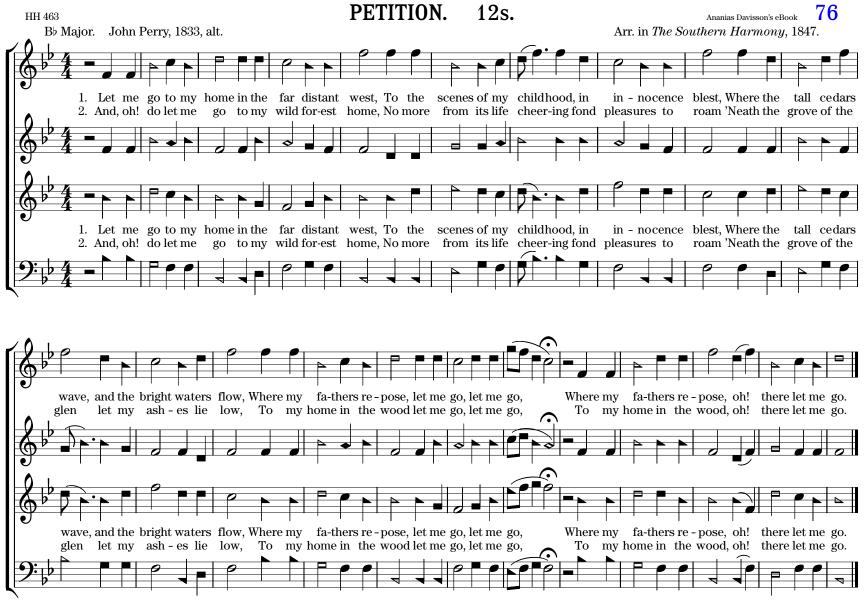


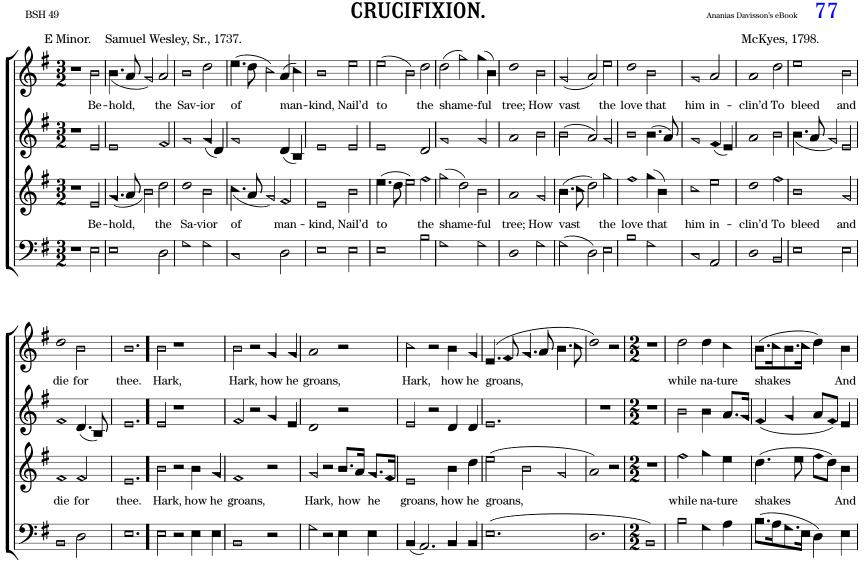












He bows his head and

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### Preface

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

publications, like other tunebooks of the region, were printed in

compilers in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia. Davisson's

The original inspiration for *The Shenandoah Harmony* was to create a

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 Psalm-Singer* (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,

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

many other tunebooks that followed. These included, but were not

limited to, Samuel Metcalf's The Kentucky Harmonist (1818), Allen

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.

Rachel Hall (music) and John Martin (texts), with contributions from Nikos Pappas, David Warren Steel, Aldo Thomas Ceresa, and Nym Cooke. Rachel Hall, Robert Stoddard, Peter Golden, and Adrian Mariano typeset the songs using Lilypond 2.14. Rachel Hall used Lagar to design the electronic edition, frontmatter, and page layout and to compile the indices.

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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.

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encouragement have been appreciated.

### 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:



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 ( $\flat$ ), 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,



which is found on the second line of the musical score TREBLE. 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 ALTO. 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 sec-TENOR. ond line from the top. On three-part songs, we encourage the altos to sing the bass line in their octave; we BASS. 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 reharmonizations. 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*.

**Practice round.** Here is a round to practice singing shape-note music. Singers are divided into four parts. Each group enters when the preceding group has reached the heavy bar marked "2."



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AHR	Fargo, G. W. and J. Pierce, Ancient	JTH	${\it Johnson, A., \ Johnson's \ Tennessee \ Harmony,}$	RH
	Harmony Revived, Ed.3, 1850.		Ed.2, 1821.	SH
AMM	Wright, A., The American Musical	KH1	Davisson, A., Kentucky Harmony, 1816.	
	Magazine, 1800-1803.	KH2	ibid., Ed.2, 1817.	SKH
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	Miscellany, 1798.	KnH	Jackson, J., The Knoxville Harmony, 1838.	SKH2
AV	Mansfield, D. H., The American Vocalist,	MC1	West, E., The Musical Concert, 1802.	SM
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BFWC	White, B. F. and E. J. King, The B. F. White	MCH	Moore, W., Columbian Harmony, 1825.	
	Sacred Harp, W. M. Cooper rev., Ed.3, 1909.	MCM	Miller, G., The Methodist Camp-Meeting	SMS
BH	Lewis, F., The Beauties of Harmony, Ed.4,		Song Book, 1841.	21.12
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BSH	Benham, A., Social Harmony, 1798.		ed., 1846.	SouH
CH	Walker, W., The Christian Harmony, Ed.2,	MIM	Billings, W., Music in Miniature, 1779.	bouri
	1873.	MNH	Maxim, A., The Northern Harmony, Ed.2,	StJAH
CH58	Walker, W., The Christian Harmony,		1808.	SufH
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CHarp	Wakefield, S., The Christian's Harp, Ed.2,	NC1	Mann, E., The Northampton Collection, 1797.	SVII
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ColH	Stone, J., The Columbian Harmony, 1793.		Singer, 1770.	TC
ContH	Billings, W., The Continental Harmony,	NFH	Norman, J., The Federal Harmony, 1792.	
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CPT	Hopkinson, F., A Collection of Psalm Tunes,		1867.	UCH
	1763.	NMT	M'Dowell, J., The Norristown Musical	
CtH	Griswold, E. and T. Skinner, Connecticut		<i>Teacher</i> , 1832.	UH
	Harmony, 1798.	NUH	Bayley, D., The New Universal Harmony,	VAH
	Caldwell, W., Union Harmony, 1837.		1773.	
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	Hauser, W., The Hesperian Harp, 1848.		$Tune\ Book,\ 1918.$	WR1
	Belcher, S., The Harmony of Maine, 1794.	PCM	Patterson, R., Patterson's Church Music,	
HOA	Whitten, A. N., The Harp of Ages, New ed.,		1813.	WR2
	1977.		Wenger, M. D., Die Philharmonia, 1875.	
	Harrison, R., Sacred Harmony, 1784.	PhH	Adgate, A., Philadelphia Harmony, Ed.4,	WSH
ICH	Ingalls, J., The Christian Harmony, 1805.		1791.	

AH Shumway, N., The American Harmony, 1793. JNEH Jenks, S., The New-England Harmonist, 1799.

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Kimball, J., The Rural Harmony, 1793.

Rev Hillman, J., The Revivalist, 1868.

Harmony, Ed.3, 1826.

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SM Hayden, A. S., The Sacred Melodeon, 1849.

MA Billings, W., The Singing Master's Assistant, 1778.

Collection, 1878. cH McCurry, J., The Social Harp, 1855. uH Walker, W., The Southern Harmony, New ed., 1854.

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Walker, W., The Southern & Western Pocket

Harmonist, 1846.

TC Brown, B., Templi Carmina, Ed.5, 1817.

TH Washburn, J. C., The Temple Harmony, 1818.

UCH Eyer, H. C., Die Union Choral Harmonie,

Ed.2, 1836.

YAH Clayton, D. L. and J. P. Carrell, *The Virginia Harmony*, 1831.
YH2 Ranlet, H., *The Village Harmony*, Ed.2, 1796.

Humbert, S., Union Harmony, Ed.2, 1816.

WM Heath, S., The Waterhouse Manuscript, 1782.
WR1 Wyeth, J., Wyeth's Repository of Sacred

Music, Ed.5, 1826.

WR2 Wyeth, J., Wyeth's Repository of Sacred
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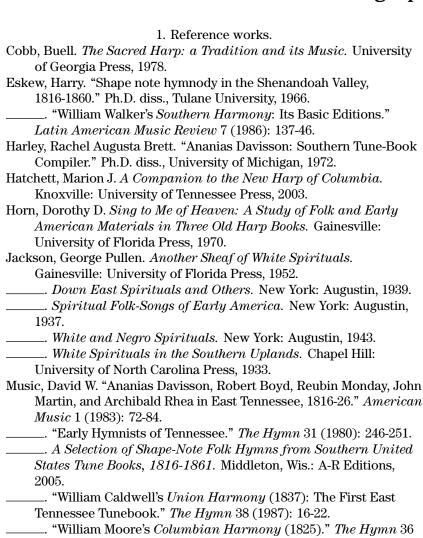
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