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Notes

Sing a New Song unto the Lord is an abbreviated English cantata in six movements. It encompasses multiple stylistic traits and combines a blend of traditional and innovative structural formats into its design.

The Introduction presents the opening text, a familiar paraphrase drawn from The Psalms of David, in bold dotted rhythms. In contrast, Prayer I offers a hymn-like orison, scored for slow moving SATB voices and featuring a free soprano solo descant floating above the choir. The Trio, a brief aria for soprano, introduces the text, “Alleluia,” in combination with a motivic theme that reappears in the fugal fifth movement, and again briefly in the penultimate coda of the Finale. The intervening Prayer II is similar to Prayer I, with the addition of an accompanimental solo voice, woven in soaring contrapuntal duet with the soprano soloist.

The fifth movement, Fugue, transforms the motivic theme of the aria from minor to major modality and provides a contrapuntally imitative chase before giving way to the Introduction’s bold dotted rhythms, presented anew as a recapitulatory Finale. A quietly contrasting penultimate coda recalls the motivic ‘Alleluia’ and fugue theme in stretto, then is capped by a brief return of the introduction's declamatory éclat.

With the exception of the fugue's contrapuntal rigors, where the polyphonic textures are only occasionally doubled by the organ, A Festive Cantata is melodically and tonally conservative in its overall approach, and varied in structure, style and format. The organ plays an integral role in knitting the ensemble together with its accompaniment and support.



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I. Introduction

Larghetto (♩ = c. 64)

S. Solo

S. A. *mf* Sing! *S. div.* Sing!

T. B. *mf* Sing! Sing!

Organ *f marcato* *mf* *f*

f [G-P off] *mf* [G-P on] *f*

6 S. unis. *f assai* Sing a new song un-to the Lord! *f* Sing a new song un-to the

A. unis. *f assai* *f*

T. B. *f assai* Sing a new song un-to the Lord! *f* Sing a new song un-to the

6 *poco f* *f* *mf*

mf *f*

11

S. A. *mf* Lord! *mf* Sing a new song un-to the Lord! *poco f* Sing a new song un-to the

T. B. Lord! *mf* Sing a new song un-to the Lord! *poco f* Sing a new song un-to the

poco f

15

S. Solo *mf* Sing a new song un - to the Lord! *poco ritardando*

S. A. *meno f* Lord! *meno f* Sing a new song un - to the Lord, *mp* un - to the Lord! *poco ritardando*

T. B. *meno f* Lord! *meno f* Sing a new song un - to the Lord, *mp* un - to the Lord!

15 *poco ritardando*

meno f *mp* *mp*

II. Prayer 1

19 **Moderato** (♩ = c. 112) *espressivo mp*

S. Solo *mp* (hushed) Know us, good Lord, by our hopes and our dreams; be our guide, O Lord, in our

S. *mp* (hushed) Know us, good Lord, by our hopes and our dreams; be our guide, O Lord, in our

A. *mp* (hushed) Know us, good Lord, by our hopes and our dreams; be our guide, O Lord, in our

T. *(hushed) mp* Know us, good Lord, by our hopes and our dreams; be our

B. *(hushed) mp* Know us, good Lord, by our hopes and our dreams; be our

19 **Moderato** (♩ = c. 112) *mp*

25 *mf* hopes and our dreams; be our guide O Lord, in our work and our

S. *mf* work and our play. Calm us, good Lord, in our strife and our fears, and en -

S. work and our play. Calm us, good Lord, in our strife and our fears, and en -

A. guide, O Lord, in our work and our play. Calm us, good Lord, in our

T. guide, O Lord, in our work and our play. Calm us, good Lord, in our

B. guide, O Lord, in our work and our play. Calm us, good Lord, in our

25

31 *poco f*

S. Solo
play. Calm us, good Lord, in our strife and our

S.
light - en us, O Lord, when we wan - - der a - stray, and en -

A.
light - en us, O Lord, when we wan - - der a - stray, and en -

T.
strife and our fears, and en - light - en us, O Lord, when we

B.
strife and our fears, and en - light - en us, O Lord, when we

31

poco ritardando

35
S. Solo
fears, and en - light - en us, O Lord, when we wan - der a - stray.

poco ritardando

S.
light - en us, O Lord, when we wan - der a - stray, wan - der a - stray.

A.
light - en us, O Lord, when we wan - der a - stray, a - stray.

T.
wan - der a - stray, when we wan - der a - stray, wan - der a - stray.

B.
wan - der a - stray, when we wan - der a - stray.

poco ritardando

35

III. Trio

Allegro (♩ = c. 144)

S. Solo *mf*

Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Allegro (♩ = c. 144)

mf [8, (4), Solo *ad lib.*]

poco f [Man. 16, 8, 4 flues] *mf*

S. Solo *mf*

Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

mp

S. Solo

Sing al - le - lu - ia,

mf

S. Solo

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia!

mf

56 *mf*

S. Solo

Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

poco ritardando

Segue Prayer 2

IV. Prayer 2

Moderato (♩ = c. 112)

62 *poco f espressivo*

S. Solo

Strength-en us, good Lord, for the

S. *mp (hushed)*

Strength-en us, good Lord, for the tasks that we

A. *mp (hushed)*

Strength-en us, good Lord, for the tasks that we face, and bring

T. *mp (hushed)*

Strength-en us, good Lord, for the tasks that we face, and bring com - fort, O

B. *mp (hushed)*

Strength-en us, good Lord, for the tasks that we face, and bring com - fort, O Lord, through the

62 Moderato (♩ = c. 112)

mp

mf [Solo 8, (4), trem. *ad lib.*]

68

S. Solo
tasks that we face, and bring com - fort, O Lord, through the

S.
face, and bring com - fort, O Lord, through the night and by

A.
com - fort, O Lord, through the night and by day.

T.
Lord, through the night and by day. Hear us, good

B.
night and by day. Hear us, good Lord, in our

72

S. Solo
night and by day. Hear us, good Lord, in our psalms and our

S.
day. Hear us, good Lord, in our psalms and our prayers; grant us

A.
Hear us, good Lord, in our psalms and our prayers; grant us wis - dom, O

T.
Lord, in our psalms and our prayers; grant us wis - dom, O Lord, as we

B.
psalms and our prayers; grant us wis - dom, O Lord, as we seek out our

mf *poco f* *poco ritardando*

S. 77
 prayers; grant us wis - dom, O Lord, as we seek out our ways,

poco ritardando, *mp*

S. wis - dom, O Lord, as we seek out our ways, seek out our ways!

mp

A. Lord, as we seek out our ways, as we seek out our ways!

mp

T. seek out our ways, as we seek out our ways!

mp

B. ways, as we seek out our ways!

77 *poco ritardando*

V. Fugue

Allegro (♩ = c. 144)

82 *mf*

S. Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le -

A. -

T. -

mf

B. Sing al - le -

82 **Allegro** (♩ = c. 144)

mp

mf

89 *mp*

S. lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - - -

A. *mf*
Sing al - le - lu - ia,

T.

B. *mp*
lu - ia, al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia, al -

89 *mp*

96

S. le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - - - lu - ia Sing al - le - lu - ia,

A. *mp*
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

T. *mf*
Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

B. *mp*
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - - ia, al - - -

96

103

S. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu -

A. ia, al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al -

T. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, *mp*

B. le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

103 *f*

110

S. ia, al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - - - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

A. le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

T. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

B. Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - - ia,

110 *mf*

116 *mf*

S. ia, al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia, al -

A. ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing

T. lu - ia al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Sing al -

B. *mf* al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! *f* Sing al - le - lu - ia,

116 [Add] *mf*

[Add] *mf*

122

S. le - lu - ia, al - le - - - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - - -

A. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia - al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

T. le - lu - - - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

B. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

122

poco a poco allargando

128

S. *f*
 ia, al - le - - - lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - - le - lu -

A. *f*
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

T. *f*
 ia, al - le - lu - ia, - al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

B. *mf*, *f*
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - - - lu - - -

poco a poco allargando

128

mf [l.h.]

VI. Finale

Larghetto (♩ = c. 64)

134

S. *f* *mf* S. div.
 ia! Sing! Sing!

A. *f* *mf* A. div.
 ia! Sing! Sing!

T. *f* *mf*
 ia! Sing! Sing!

B. *f* *mf*

Larghetto (♩ = c. 64)

134

f *mf*

f *mf*

138 *S. unis. f*
A. unis.
f Sing a new song un-to the Lord! Sing
f Sing a new song un-to the Lord! Sing

poco ritardando
 142 *mf*
 S. A. al - le - lu - ia! *mf* Sing a new song un-to the Lord!
 T. B. al - le - lu - ia! *mf* Sing a new song un-to the Lord!

poco f *poco ritardando*
 142 *mf* *poco f* *meno f*
poco f *mp*

Poco andante (♩ = c. 100)

146 *poco f* *poco a poco allargando*

S. Solo Sing al - le - lu - - - ia!

mp *poco a poco allargando*

S. Sing al - le - lu - ia!

mp

A. Sing al - le - lu - - - ia!

Poco andante (♩ = c. 100)

146 *poco f* *poco a poco allargando*

mp

mp

149 *a tempo* *mf*

S. Solo Sing al - le - lu - - - ia!

a tempo *mf*

S. Sing a new song

poco f

A. Sing al - le - lu ia!

mp

T. Sing al - le - lu ia! Sing!

mp *poco f*

B. Sing al - le - lu ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

149 *a tempo* *mp*

mp

Largo (♩ = c. 56)

152 *f* *allargando*, *marcato* *f*

S. Solo Sing! to the Lord! Sing al - le - lu - - - -

S. *mf* un - to the Lord! , *marcato* *f* Sing al - le - lu - - - -

A. *mf* Sing! , *marcato* *f* Sing al - le - lu - - - -

T. *mf* Sing un - to the Lord! , *marcato* *f* Sing al - le - lu - - - -

B. *mf* Sing un - to the Lord! , *marcato* *f* Sing al - le - lu - - - -

Largo (♩ = c. 56)

152 *allargando*

poco a poco allargando

155 *f*

S. Solo - - - - - ia, *f* al - le - lu - ia!

S. - - - - - ia, *f* al - le - lu - ia!

A. - - - - - ia, *f* al - le - lu - ia!

T. - - - - - ia, *f* al - le - lu - ia!

B. - - - - - ia, *f* al - le - lu - ia!

poco a poco allargando

155 *mf* *f*



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