Let Us Be Joyful

from *The Creation*

Franz Joseph Haydn

New English Translation by Philip Moody
Let Us Be Joyful from Haydn’s The Creation is a piece that has been performed as a separate octavo throughout the last century. It is a wonderful way to introduce young musicians to the classical era of choral composition; it was one of my first pieces I sang from the classical era as well. Although the original movement was written with full orchestral accompaniment, I have transcribed the piece for string quintet. This edition also includes a new English translation, which was the result of my desire to produce a new English translation that better matches the exquisite beauty of Haydn’s compositional writing.

This new English translation is part of a full edition of Haydn's The Creation that was the culmination of research for my doctoral document at the University of Arizona. This English translation is based on current research into The Creation, as well as review of original text sources: the original English text of Baron van Swieten; the German translation, provided by van Swieten, that Haydn used to compose the oratorio; original source material including the King James Bible and Milton's Paradise Lost. Finally, these text sources were combined with modern language and syntax in order to more accurately represent the original English text. A companion document detailing this research is available.

- Philip Moody

Particular choruses from The Creation that have been transcribed for string quintet:
  CP-1012  “The Wonder of God’s Work” (with Oboe)
  CP-1013  “The Wonder of God’s Work” (with Oboe and String Quintet)
  CP-1014  “Let Us Be Joyful” (with String Quintet)
  CP-1015  “The Heavens are Telling” (with String Quintet)
  CP-1016  “Three Choruses” (Full Score)

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  CP-1012-I, CP-1013-I, CP-1014-I, CP1015-I

A Complete Full Score of The Creation is available: CP-1023-FS

The Complete Piano/Vocal Score of The Creation is available in multiple editions:
  CP-1023-PV: Complete Piano/Vocal Score formatted for printing
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  CP-1023-S: Piano/Vocal Score for the Soprano Soloist
  CP-1023-T: Piano/Vocal Score for the Tenor Soloist
  CP-1023-B: Piano/Vocal Score for the Bass Soloist
English Translation by Philip Moody:

Recitative:
And the heavenly host proclaimed the third day,
praising God and saying:
Chorus:
Let us be joyful in songs of glory!
Praise God with harp, and lyre, and voices;
with jubilant song, sing praise to the Lord!
Truly the heavens and earth have been given all splendor by God.

Original German Libretto:

Recitative:
Und die himmlischen Heerscharen verkündigten den dritten Tag,
Gott preisend und sprechend:
Chorus:
Stimmt an die Saiten, ergreift die Leier,
lasst euren Lobgesang erschallen!
Frohlocket dem Herrn, dem mächtigen Gott!
Denn er hat Himmel und Erde bekleidet in herrlicher Pracht!

Original Baron van Swieten English:

Recitative:
And the heavenly host proclaimed the third day,
praising God and saying:
Chorus:
Awake the harp, the lyre awake!
In shout and joy your voices raise!
In triumph sing the mighty Lord!
For he the heavens and earth has clothed in stately dress.
And the Heavenly Host

No. 10 from "The Creation"

Franz Joseph Haydn
(1732-1809)
trans. Philip Moody

Uriel
And the heavenly host proclaimed the third day, praising God and saying:

English Libretto
Philip Moody (b. 1976)

Let Us Be Joyful

No. 11 from "The Creation"

Franz Joseph Haydn
(1732-1809)
trans. Philip Moody

Vivace

English Libretto
Philip Moody (b. 1976)
lyre, and voices; with jubilant song, sing praise to the Lord!

With jubilant song sing praise to the Lord!

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