

SATB

I Will Be Worthy of It

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Christopher Alexander

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*SATB, unaccompanied*

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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

## About the Work

Inspirational poetry set this new choral work into motion with rhythmic vitality and contrasting melodic lines. A call-and-response between voice sections heightens the excitement of the song, and a gospel-like chorus repeat gives your choir the opportunity to let loose, allowing for an opportunity for a soloist to riff. Ideal as a concert closer. Your choir will love this work and have fun!

*I may not reach the heights I seek,  
My untried strength may fail me,  
Or, half-way up the mountain peak,  
Fierce tempests may assail me.  
But though that place I never gain,  
Herein lies comfort for my pain -  
I will be worthy of it.*

*I may not triumph in success,  
Despite my earnest labor;  
I may not grasp results that bless  
The efforts of my neighbor;  
But though my goal I never see,  
This thought shall always dwell with me -  
I will be worthy of it.*

*The golden glory of Love's light  
May never fall on my way;  
My path may always lead through night,  
Like some deserted by-way;  
But though life's dearest joy I miss  
There lies a nameless strength in this -  
I will be worthy of it.*

— Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850-1919)

## About the Composer



Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAFME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.

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ELLA WHEELER WILCOX  
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Energetic, with a gospel feel (♩ = 92)

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

*mf con fuoco*

Energetic, with a gospel feel (♩ = 92)

PIANO  
(for reh. only)

*mf con fuoco*

Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

S

A

T

B

*mf con fuoco*

Wor thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

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5

S

A *mf con fuoco*

T

B

Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

or thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

7

S

A

T

B

wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

9 *cantabile mf*

S  
I

A  
wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

T  
8  
wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

B  
wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

11

S  
may not reach the heights I seek, My

*mp keep rhythmic vitality*

A  
wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

*mp keep rhythmic vitality*

T  
8  
wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

*mp keep rhythmic vitality*

B  
wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

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S un - tried strength may fail me; Or,

A wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

T wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

B wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,



15

S half - way up the moun - tain peak Fierce

A wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

T wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,

B wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy,



17 *legato*

S tem - pests may as - sail me. But though that

A wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, of it.

T wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, of it.

B wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy, of it.

19

S place I nev - er gain, Here - in lies

A *mf legato* Though that place I nev - er gain, Here -

T *mf legato* Though that place I nev - er gain, Here -

B *mf legato* Though that place nev - er gain, Here -

19 *mf legato*

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21

S com - fort for my pain- I will be

A in lies com - fort for my pain-

T in lies com - fort for my pain-

B in lies com - fort for my pain-

23 *f* declamatory

S > wor - thy of it, > wor - thy of it, I will be > wor - thy of it, > wor - thy of it.

A *f* declamatory

A > wor - thy of it, > wor - thy of it, > wor - thy of it, > wor - thy of it.

T *f* declamatory

T > wor - thy of it, > wor - thy of it, > wor - thy of it, > wor - thy of it. *mf* con bravura

B *f* declamatory

B > wor - thy of it, > wor - thy of it, > wor - thy of it, > wor - thy of it. I *mf* con bravura

23 *f* declamatory

*mf* con bravura