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There's Within My Heart a Melody

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Christopher Alexander

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SATB and Piano

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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

About the Work

This beautiful melody captures the feeling of love and devotion from following Jesus Christ. With contemporary harmonic chordings and a rich, distinctive accompaniment for the intermediate-advanced piano player, the song continuously embellishes and expands toward the heightened recapitulation of the refrain before its serene ending. This will be the emotional highlight at your next concert or worship service. Appropriate for advanced high school and church choirs.

*There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low:
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,
In all of life's ebb and flow.*

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.*

*All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
Discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
Stirred the slumbering chords again.*

*Though sometimes he leads through waters deep,
Trials fall across the way,
Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
See his footprints all the way.*

*Feasting on the riches of his grace,
Resting beneath his sheltering wing,
Always looking on his smiling face,
That is why I shout and sing.*

*Soon he's coming back to welcome me
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown;
I shall reign with him on high.*

— Luther B. Bridgers (1884-1948)

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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LUTHER B. BRIDGERS (1884-1948), adapt.

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Adagio espressivo semplice (♩ = c. 64-66)

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

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PIANO

p leggiero

Pedal harmonically

3

p

There's with-in my heart a mel - o - dy Je - sus

p

There's with-in my heart a mel - o - dy Je - sus

p *div.*

There's with-in my heart a mel - o - dy Je - sus

p

There's with-in my heart a mel - o - dy Je - sus

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5

whis - pers sweet and low;

whis - pers sweet and low;

whis - pers sweet and low;

whi - pers sweet and low;

6

7

There's with-in my heart a mel - o - dy Je - sus

There's with-in my heart a mel - o - dy Je - sus

With - in my heart Je - sus

With - in my heart Je - sus

6

9

whis - pers sweet and low;

whis - pers sweet and low;

unis.
whis - pers sweet and low;

whi - pers sweet and low;

9

6 6 6 6

11 *mp con moto*

Fear not, I am with thee,

mp con moto
Fear not, I am with thee,

mp con moto
Fear not, I am with thee,

mp con moto
Fear not, I am with thee,

11

mp con moto

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13

peace, be still, In
peace, be still, In
8 peace, be still, In
peace, be still, In

13

13

15

all of life's ebb and flow.
all of life's ebb and flow.
8 all of life's ebb and flow.
all of life's ebb and flow.

15

15 *con affetto*

17 *rit.* *a tempo*

17 *rit.* *mp a tempo*

19 *mp tranquillo*

Ooo

mp tranquillo

Ooo

div. mp tranquillo

Ooo

mp tranquillo

Though some-times He leads me through wa - ters deep, And

20 *triquillo*

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21

8

unis. mf bravura

Though some -

This block contains the first system of musical notation, measures 21 and 22. It features a vocal line with a long note in measure 21 and a melodic line in measure 22. The bass line provides accompaniment. A piano marking of *mf* and the instruction *bravura* are present. The lyrics 'Though some -' are written below the vocal line.

trials fall across the way,

21

This block contains the second system of musical notation, measures 21 and 22. It continues the vocal and instrumental lines from the previous system. The lyrics 'trials fall across the way,' are written below the vocal line.

23

mf bravura *legato*

Though He leads me through wa - ters deep, And

mf bravura *legato*

Though He leads me through wa - ters deep, And

8

times He leads me through wa - ters deep, And

mf bravura *legato*

Though He leads me through wa - ters deep, And

This block contains the third system of musical notation, measures 23 and 24. It features a vocal line with lyrics and an instrumental line. The lyrics are: 'Though He leads me through wa - ters deep, And', 'Though He leads me through wa - ters deep, And', and 'times He leads me through wa - ters deep, And'. The piano marking *mf* and the instruction *bravura* are present, along with the instruction *legato*. A measure rest of 8 is indicated.

23

mf bravura e legato

This block contains the fourth system of musical notation, measures 23 and 24. It continues the instrumental line from the previous system. The piano marking *mf* and the instruction *bravura e legato* are present.