

First Fruits

a song of dedication

Larry Nickel

George Herbert 1593-1633
Philippians 2:5-7
adapted

A ♩ = 56 Prayer

S. *mf* Lord, my first fruits pre - sent them-selves to Thee; *mp*

A. *mf* Lord, my first fruits pre - sent them-selves to Thee; *mp*

T. Yet not mine *nei - ther for

B. *s mf* Yet not mine *nei - ther for

A ♩ = 56 Prayer
rehearsal only

*rhymes with driver

4 *mf* and must re-turn. Ac-cept of them and me. For

mf and must re-turn, and must re-turn. Ac-cept of them and me. For

from Thee the and must re-turn, and must re-turn. Ac-cept of them and me.

tutti from came and must re-turn, and must re-turn. Ac-cept of them and me.

PERUSAL SCORE ONLY - PLEASE DO NOT COPY

B

8 *mf* Thou, God Al-might-y, — Thou God Al-might-y, — *p* emp - tied of Your self.

mf Thou, God Al-might-y, — Thou God Al-might-y, — *p* emp - tie self.

mf Thou, God Al-might-y, — Thou God Al-might-y — *p* of Your-self Lord, You

mf Thou, God Al-might-y, — Thou God Al-might-y — *p* emp - tied of Your-self Lord, You

B

9 *mf* Thou, God Al-might-y, — Thou God Al-might-y, — *p* emp - tied of Your-self Lord, You

mf Thou, God Al-might-y, — Thou God Al-might-y, — *p* emp - tie self.

mf Thou, God Al-might-y, — Thou God Al-might-y — *p* of Your-self Lord, You

mf Thou, God Al-might-y, — Thou God Al-might-y — *p* emp - tied of Your-self Lord, You

11

mf In of a ser- vant, — *p* born in hu- man like- ness, You

mf the form of a ser- vant, — *p* born in hu- man like- ness, You

mf emp - tied of form of a ser- vant, — *p* born in hu- man like- ness, You

mf er Your-self. form of a ser- vant, — *p* born in hu- man like- ness, You

PERUSAL SCORE ONLY - PLEASE DO NOT COPY

rit.

mf

14

emp-tied of Your- self _____ May the same mind be in me.

emp-tied of Your- self _____ May the same mind _____ e.

emp-tied of Your-self Lord, You emp-tied of Your-self. May the same r e in me.

emp-tied of You-self Lord, You emp-tied of Your-self. May mind be in me.

a tempo

C

18

p

mp

yet not mine nei-ther for

Lord, fruits pre - sent them-selves to Thee. yet not mine nei-ther for

my first fruits pre - sent them-selves to Thee... yet not mine nei-ther for

Lord, my first fruits pre - sent them-selves to Thee... yet not mine nei-ther for

C

PERUSAL SCORE ONLY - PLEASE DO NOT COPY

poco rit. . . .

22

mf

a tempo

p

from Thee they came. And must re- turn and must re- turn. Ac-cept of them and me.

mf

p

from Thee they came. And must re- turn and must re- turn. Ac-cept of them and

mf

p

from Thee they came. And must re- turn and must re- turn of them and me

mf

p

from Thee they came. and m Ac-cept of them and me

poco rit. . . .

a tempo

26

mf

rit. . . .

f

And make us who shall sing best Thy name.

mf

f

me. An strive, who shall sing best Thy name.

mf

f

And make who shall sing best Thy name.

mf

f

us strive, who shall sing best Thy name.

rit. . . .



D *meno mosso*

30 *mp* *mf* *rit.* *mp*

Lord, my first fruits pre - sent them-selves to Thee.

mp *mf* *mp*

Lord, my first fruits pre - sent them-selves to Thee, to .e.

mp *mf* *mp*

Lord, my first fruits pre - sent them-selves to Thee, Thee.

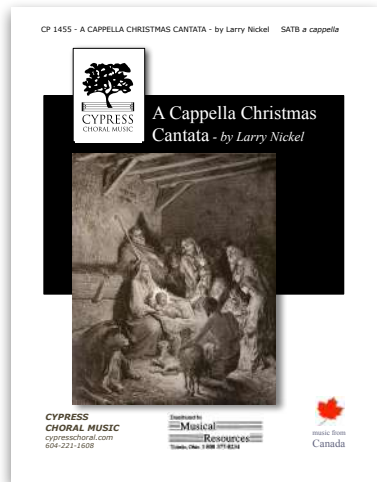
mp *mf* *mp*

Lord, my first fruits pre - sent them-selves to to Thee.

D *meno mosso* *rit*

George Herbert (April 3, 1593 – March 1, 1633) was a Welsh-born poet, orator and Anglican priest. Herbert's poetry is associated with the writings of the metaphysical poets, and he is recognized as "a powerful and important British devotional lyricist." First Fruits is the most famous of his poems. It is a simple, direct, and profoundly popular, deeply and broadly influential, and arguably the most skillful of his poems. It is included in his seminal book, "The Temple".





A Cappella Christmas Cantata was commissioned and premiered in 2015. (Guy Mills, Pennsylvania - directed by Brandon Mullet)

- **15 movements** give a unique and compelling of the Christmas story, from ancient prophecy to .aculate conception and until the Holy Child was two yr
- **Texts** include scripture and poetry by Herbert and William Blake.
- **written for** accomplished choirs and approachable - with intuitive voice leading and sweet registers.
- one can order the **complete book** **ual movements**
- total duration** - 35 minutes

- 1) **First Fruits**
- 2) **Behold, A Great Light**
- 3) **Break Forth, O Beautiful**
- 4) **Mary Treasured All Things**
- 5) **Joseph's Dream**
- 6) **Caesar Augustus**
- 7) **No Room**
- 8) **The Gifts**
- 9) **Time of Great Joy**
- 10) **Behold the Ruler**
- 11) **Joseph's Dream - part two**
- 12) **There's a Cry Over Bethlehem**
- 13) **Joseph Made a Treasure Box**
- 14) **Little Lamb, Who Made Thee?**
- 15) **Behold, a Great Light - reprise**



Dr. Larry Nickel

PERUSAL SCORE ONLY - PLEASE DO NOT COPY