

Jacob's Ladder

traditional spiritual
arr. Larry Nickel

♩ = 132 with energy!

mp *mf*

We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der we are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der

mp *mf*

5 *f* *mf*

we are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der sold-iers .ie cross

f *mf*

B sopranos project over legato background vocals

9 *mf*

Ev-'ry round goes high-er h' ev-'ry round goes high-er high-er

mp

Ev - 'ry round goes h' high - er ev - 'ry round goes high - er, high - er,

mp

13

round goes high-er high-er sol-diers of the cross.

ev - 'ry round goes high - er, high - er sol - diers of the cross

C ♩=86 Basses carry the melody

17 *slowly*
mp

Sol - diers of the cross. Ahh

tenors
mp

Sol - diers of the cross. Do you think I'd make a sol - dier,

21 *words together*

do you think I'd make a sol - dier

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D ♩=172

25 *rit.* *f*

sol - diers of the the cross. Rise, shine,

sol - diers the cross. Rise, shine,

29

God glor - y Rise, shine,

give God glor - y Rise, shine,

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33

give God glor - y Rise, shine, give God

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rit.

38

glor - y sol - diers of the cross

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tip from Larry - this piece sings better one semi-tone down (Db)



Composer **Dr. Larry Nickel** nearly died in 1989 from viral encephalitis. He was in a coma for 15 days. After what some would consider a miraculous recovery, Larry committed himself to writing music more earnestly about the wonder and love of God.

During a long convalescence Larry wrote and arranged 22 pieces, a collection which is now known as "Songs My Father Taught Me". Then he founded a choir together with director Tony Funk, called the "**West Coast Mennonite Chamber Choir**". Long story short: the choir recorded 13 CDs, over a period of 15 years, which included 120 of Nickel's compositions. These recordings were featured regularly on CBC and Moody Radio. Nearly one million dollars from CD proceeds were donated by the choir to *Communitas* - a charity for disadvantaged people.