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Only This I Want

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Keyboard, Guitar

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Based on Philippians 3:7-16; 2:15,18

Piano Accompaniment by John Foley, SJ

INTRO: *Slowly and gently* (♩ = ca. 63)

Piano

REFRAIN:

Soprano

Alto

Bass

a tempo mp

On - ly this I want:

a tempo mp

rit.

mp a tempo

but to know the Lord, _____ and to bear his

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cross so to wear the crown he wore.

VERSES: *Slightly faster, with more energy* (♩ = ca. 68)

mf 1. All but this ___ is loss, worth - less ref - use ___ to
f 2. I will run ___ the race; I will fight the good
f 3. Let your hearts ___ be glad, al - ways glad in the

mf - f

1. me, for to gain the Lord _____ is to
 2. fight, so to win the prize _____ of the
 3. Lord, so to shine like stars _____ in the

1. gain _____ all I need.
 2. king - dom of my Lord.
 3. dark - ness of the night.

rit. *p* 1, 2 *D.S.* 3 to Final Refrain

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rit. *mp*

FINAL REFRAIN:

a tempo mf
On - ly this I want: but to know the

a tempo mf

mf a tempo

Lord, and to bear his cross so to

mp

mp

mp

wear the crown he wore.

rit.

rit.

molto rit.

p > pp

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO: *Slowly and gently* (♩ = ca. 63)

Capo 2: (C) (G) (Am) (Am7/G) (F) (G)
 D A Bm Bm7/A G A *rit.*

REFRAIN:

(C) (G) (Am) (Am7/G) (F) (G)
 D A Bm Bm7/A G A

a tempo mp

On - ly this I want: _____ but to know the

(C) (G) (C) (G) (Am) (Am7/G)
 D A D A Bm Bm7/A

Lord, _____ and to bear his cross, so to

(Fmaj7) (G) 1-3 Final
 Gmaj7 A (C) (C)
 D D to Verses D

tacet 2 *Fine*

wear the crown he wore. wore.

VERSES: *Slightly faster and more energetic* (♩ = ca. 68)

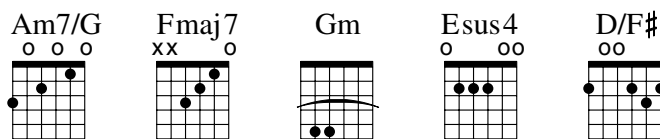
(Gm) (A7) (Dm) (Gm) (A7) (Dm)
 Am B7 Em Am B7 Em

mf 1. All but this is loss, worth - less ref - use to me,
f 2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
f 3. Let your hearts be glad, al - ways glad in the Lord,

(Esus4) (E7) (Am) (Am7/G) (D/F#) (G) (G7)
 F#sus4 F#7 Bm Bm7/A E/G# A A7 *rit. mp D.S.*

1. for to gain the Lord _____ is to gain _____ all I need. _____
 2. so to win the prize _____ of the king - dom of my Lord. _____
 3. so to shine like stars _____ in the dark - ness of the night. _____

Guitar Chord Charts



Performance Notes

Only This I Want is a simple, direct prayer to know Jesus and to be one with him in death and life. It can be effectively used in a variety of liturgical situations: funeral liturgies, religious professions, ordinations, and Holy Week liturgies. Its meditative character suggests its use as a responsorial song or communion meditation.

This is an easy piece to perform. The key to its beauty lies in its simplicity and, therefore, one must be watchful to keep both vocal and accompaniment elements simple and unadorned.

Only This I Want is designed for congregational participation on the refrain and solo singing on the verses. A well-rehearsed small group of singers might also be able to sing the verses if a soloist is not available. In either case, the text must receive nuanced musical expression, as opposed to a mechanical, lifeless rendering.

The accompaniment works well with either guitar or keyboard. The guitar chords are relatively simple to play with a little practice. A light, gentle accompaniment is most appropriate and so strumming should be avoided. With either guitar or keyboard, it is important that the accompaniment not be rendered in strict time; the performance techniques of *rubato* and *ritardando* can enhance the musical expression of the text.

—D.S.

Assembly Edition

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Refrain



On-ly this I want: but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

Verses



1. All but this is loss, worth-less ref-use to me,
2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
3. Let your heart be glad, al-ways glad in the Lord,

to Refrain



1. for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.
2. so to win the prize of the king-dom of my Lord.
3. so to shine like stars in the dark-ness of the night.

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