

A Lamp for My Steps (Psalm 119)

Psalm 119:1-8

Stephen Dean

REFRAIN: (♩. = ca. 54) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Soprano Alto

Baritone

Keyboard

amp for my steps, a light for my path, your

Chords: Gb/Db, Gb/Ab, Ab, Db, Bbm7, Fm, Dbmaj7

Soprano Alto

Baritone

Keyboard

word, O Lord, gives joy to heart. A lamp for my steps, a

Chords: Gbmaj7, Fm7, Ebm/Db, Gb/Ab, Ab, Db, Bbm7

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Play Refrain as an Intro.

A LAMP FOR MY STEPS (PSALM 119) (Keyboard/Choral), cont. (2)

(1st time: *D.C.*)
Fine

light for my path, your word, O Lord, gives joy to my heart.

Fm Db7 Gbmaj7 m7 Gb/Db Db *Fine*

(1st time: *D.C.*)
Fine

VERSES: *Freely*

Cantor

1. They are happy whose life is
2. who never do anything
3. May my footsteps be
4. I will thank you with an upright
5. Glory be to the

blan - cess, firm heart

who follow God's law!
but walk in God's ways.
to obey your statutes.
as I learn your de - crees.
and to the Son,

Db Bb Ebm/Gb C#7/Eb

a tempo S/All *D.S.*

1. They are happy who do God's will,
2. You have laid down your precepts to be o - beyed with care.
3. Then I shall not be put to shame as I heed your com - mands.
4. I will obey your statutes; not for - sake me.
5. and to the Ho - ly spirit both now and for ev - er.

a tempo B

Bbm7 Fm7 Ebm7 Ebm/Gb Cb Gb/Ab *D.S.*

a tempo
(Instruments enter)

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Capo 4: (D/A) (D/E) (E) (A) (F#m7) (C#m) (Amaj7)
 Gb/Db Gb/Ab Ab Db Bbm7 Fm Dbmaj7

A lamp for my steps, a light for my path, your
 word, O Lord, gives A lamp for my steps, a
 light for my path, your word, O Lord, gives joy to my heart.

(Dmaj7) (C#m7) (Bm/A) (D/E) (E) (A) (F#m7)
 Gbmaj7 Fm7 Ebm/Db Gb Ab Db Bbm7

(C#m) (A7) (C#m7) (D/A) (A)
 Fm Db7 Gbmaj7 Fm7 Gb/Db Db
 (1st time: D.C.) *Fine*

VERSES: *Freely*

(A) (F#) (Bm/D) (G#7/B)
 Db Bb Bbm/Gb C#7/Eb
 Cantor

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
 2. who never do anything evil but walk in God's ways.
 3. May my footsteps be firm as I obey your statutes.
 4. I will thank you with an upright heart as I learn your decrees.
 5. Glory be to the Father and to the Son,

(F#m7) (C#m7) (Bm) (Bm/D) (G) (D/E)
 Bbm7 Fm7 Ebm7 Ebm/Gb Cb Gb/Ab *D.S.*
a tempo All

1. They are happy who do God's will, seeking God with all their hearts, —
 2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. —
 3. Then I shall not be put to shame as I need your commands. — } A
 4. I will obey your statutes; do not forsake me.
 5. and to the Holy Spirit both now and for ever.

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SOLO INSTRUMENT

Stephen Dean

REFRAIN: (♩ = ca. 54) Cantor

REFRAIN: All

VERSES 1-5: *Freely*

1. seeking God with all their
2. to be o - beyed with
3. as I heed your com -
do not for -
5. both now and for

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Play first Refrain as an Intro.

CLARINET in B \flat

Stephen Dean

REFRAIN: (♩ = ca. 54) Cantor

REFRAIN: All

VERSES 1-5: *Freely*

1. seeking God with all their
2. to be o - beyed with
3. as I heed your com -
4. do not for -
5. both now and for

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Assembly Edition

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Stephen Dean

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

A lamp for my steps, a light for my path, your
word, O Lord, gives joy to my heart. A lamp for my steps, a
light for my path, your word, O Lord, gives joy to my heart.

Verses

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who follow God's law!
They are happy who do God's will,
seeking God with all their hearts, | 2. who never do anything evil
but walk in God's ways.
You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care. | 3. May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. | 4. I will thank you with an upright heart
as I learn your decrees.
I will obey your statutes;
do not forsake me. | 5. Glory be to the Father
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit
both now and for ever. |
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Composer Notes

A Lamp for My Steps (Psalm 119)

This piece, along with "You Have Laid Down Your Precepts (Psalm 119)," was written to be sung at simple celebrations of Midday Prayer (Prayer during the Day), which I use at parish music workshops to finish the morning session. The verses provided are only a sample of the 176 verses of Psalm 119, which features prominently in Midday Prayer. Other verses can be used, either from Psalm 119 or another psalm, and could be either sung or spoken. The refrain can be sung on its own at meditative prayer services. On the recording, the two Psalm 119 titles have been combined with linking instrumental passages added to provide a festive setting.

—Stephen Dean