

Take, Lord, and Receive

From the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola,
translated by Michael Ivens, SJ

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INTRO *Semplice* (♩ = ca. 74)

Unison *p*

Take, Lord, and re -

Piano *poco rubato*

Red.

4

ceive all my lib-er-ti-ty, my mem-o-ry, my un-der-stand-ing, -

sim.

8

and my en-tire will, all that I have and pos-sess.

poco rit.

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13 *p a tempo*

You gave it all to me; to you I re - turn it.

a tempo p

17 *mp*

All is yours, _____ dis - pose of it en - tire - ly ac - cord - ing to your

mp

21 *poco rit.*

will. Give me _____ by the love of you, _____ to -

poco rit.

25 *a tempo p*

geth - er with your grace, _____ that is e - nough for me.

a tempo p

29

più piano rit.

a tempo

tenendo

33

37

p

poco rit.

41

p a tempo

45

mp

Composer Notes

In *Understanding the Spiritual Exercises*, the late Jesuit Father Michael Ivens wrote: “The fundamental ‘act’ of love is the choice to give oneself to God, and the prayer *Take and receive* is precisely such an act (and not just saying words). This act of love then extends itself into deeds of service” (Leominster, Herefordshire, UK: Gracewing, 1998; gracewing.co.uk).

In this setting the voice and accompaniment are integrated. The prayer of offering is not sung again, but it is played. The words of the petition are repeated, with the additional text “Give me the grace to love you,” which sits well with all voices. The contemplative quality may be brought out by observing the musical markings, e.g., the *pizzicato* resolution for the word “will” at measure 10. Marked *semplice*, the invitation to play *poco rubato* although not to be overdone, allows the music to serve the nuance of the words and the freedom of the prayer, e.g., the ascending arpeggio figure at “all is yours” (measure 17).

The prayer may be sung during smaller gatherings as well as during the celebration of the Eucharist at Communion. It would also be suitable at occasions such as ordinations or any other times appropriate for “one making a gift with heartfelt love” (Saint Ignatius of Loyola, 1491–1556).

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 you I re-turn it. All is yours, dis-
 pose of it en-tire-ly ac-cord-ing to your will.
 Give me on-ly the to-geth-er with your
 grace, for that is e-nough for me. (Fine)

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