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Many and Great
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Solo Instrument, and Assembly

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Many And Great

for John Bell

Ricky Manalo

INTRO: Freely

Solo Instrument
mp

With simplicity and graciousness (♩ = ca. 104)

Keyboard
mp

VERSES

Soprano/Melody
mp

Alto

1. Ma - ny and great are bear - ers of the Word: the Christ
 2. Ma - ny and great are seeds up - on the field: the hand
 3. Ma - ny and great are voic - es of de - spair: the rain
 4. Ma - ny and great are peb - bles in the sand: the sun

Tenor

Bass
mp

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1. speaks; the heart _____ seeks. _____ Gath - ered as one, we
 2. sows; the seeds _____ grow. _____ Take now and eat the
 3. falls; the voice _____ calls. _____ Take now and drink the
 4. glows; the wind _____ blows. _____ Take now and spread the

1. lis - ten to the Word and share _____ the _____ meal of new birth.
 2. cov - e - nant ful - filled, the bread _____ of _____ prom - ise and life.
 3. wine of hope and care; our cup _____ of _____ bless - ing we share.
 4. Word to ev - 'ry land, the Word _____ of _____ good - ness and hope.

REFRAIN

mf
 The wheat _____ grows _____ from _____ spring - time to fall; the
mf
mf

wine flows; in Christ we re - call the shar - ing of our

lives with one and all.

1-3 D.S.

decresc.

Final

rit.

*Play cue notes if no solo instrument.

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SOLO INSTRUMENT

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VERSE 1-4

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO: *Freely*

Solo Instrument *mp*

With simplicity and graciousness (♩ = ca. 104)

Capo 3: (Dadd9) (D⁶₉) (Dadd9) (D⁶₉)
Fadd9 F⁶₉ Fadd9 F⁶₉
mp

VERSE

(Dadd9) (Bm7) (Gmaj7)
Fadd9 Dm7 B♭maj7
mp

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(G6) (Bm7/A) (Asus2,4) (Dadd9)
B♭6 Dm7/C Csus2,4 Fadd9

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(Bm7) (Gmaj9) (Asus2,4) (Dadd9)
Dm7 B♭maj9 Csus2,4 Fadd9

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REFRAIN

mf (D⁶) (Dadd9) (Bm7) (Gmaj7)
 F⁶₉ Fadd9 Dm7 B♭maj7

The wheat grows from spring-time to fall; the wine

(G6) (Bm7/A) (Asus2,4) (Dadd9) (Gmaj7) (Asus2,4)
 B♭6 Dm7/C Csus2,4 Fadd9 B♭maj7 Csus2,4

flows; in Christ we re - call the shar - ing of our lives with one and

(Dadd9) (D⁶) (Bm7) (Gmaj7) (G6) (Bm7/A)
 Fadd9 F⁶₉ Dm7 B♭maj7 B♭6 Dm7/C
decresc.

all.

1-3 **Final**
 (Asus2,4) (Asus2,4) (Dadd9) (Gmaj7) (Asus2,4) (D)
 Csus2,4 Csus2,4 Fadd9 B♭maj7 Csus2,4 F
D.S. *rit.*

Guitar Chord Charts

Standard Tuning

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Asus2,4 x0 o | Bm7/A x0o | Dadd9 xxo o | D ⁶ ₉ x oo | G6 oooo | Gmaj7 ooo | Gmaj9 o o |
| | | | | | | |

D-Tuning

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Asus2,4 xo o | Bm7/A xoo | Dadd9 oo o | D ⁶ ₉ oo oo | G6 oooo | Gmaj7 ooo | Gmaj9 ooo |
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Assembly Edition

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REFRAIN

The wheat grows from spring - time to fall; the wine flows; in

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Christ we re - call the shar - ing of our lives with one and all.

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Performance Notes

Many And Great is my first attempt at writing a liturgical song from an Asian perspective. The music of this particular song utilizes the pentatonic scale, common to the music of many Asian cultures. The simplicity of this scale lends itself to assembly participation. At the same time, there is an obvious western influence: while the melody is easy to sing, the harmony provides a grounding of accessibility for the assembly. In a sense, this song is a perfect marriage among many cultures.

Perform this piece with a quiet gentleness. Allow for the simplicity of the melody to sing without overpowering it with the accompaniment. For example, there could be a tendency of accenting the beginning of each measure. Avoid this by accenting every other measure of the musical phrases. Using a C instrument is highly recommended because it further enhances the song's distinct Asian tone.

—R.M.

