

OCP Choral Series

The Souls of the Just

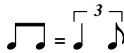
Assembly, SAB Choir, Keyboard, and Guitar

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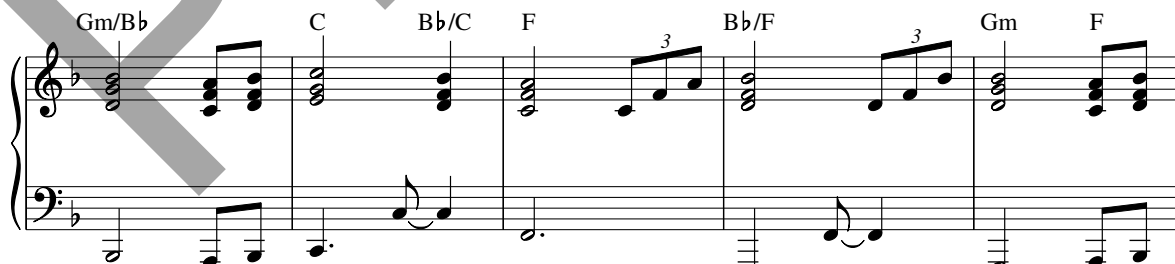
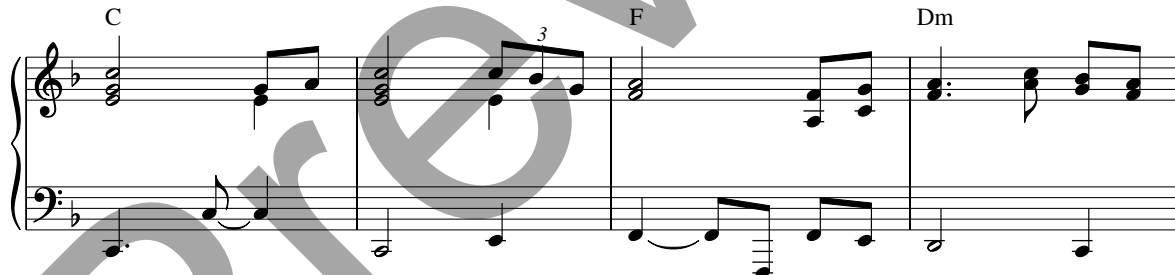
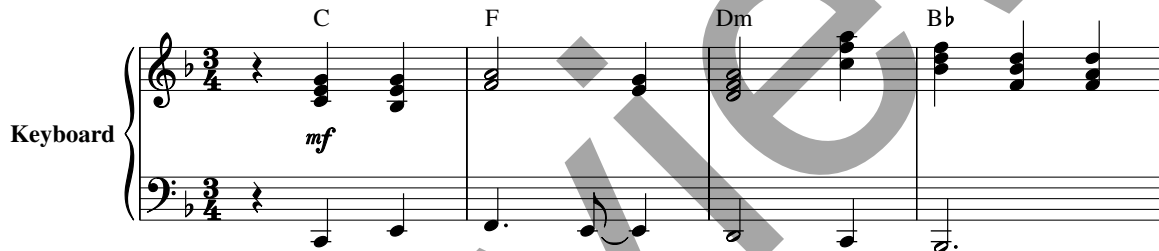
Choral arrangement by Randall DeBruyn

Keyboard accompaniment by Ken Canedo

Refrain based on Wisdom 3

INTRO *Gospel feel* (♩ = ca. 90) 

Keyboard



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REFRAIN

mf $\text{\textcircled{S}}$

Soprano

Alto

The _ souls _ of the just are in the hand of God. Though we

Baritone

mf $\text{\textcircled{S}}$

C F Dm Gm C A

thought _ them dead, _ they _ live. _ We will _ see them a -

Dm Bb Csus4 C C7 F

gain when we see God _ in glo - ry, _ for the souls _ of the

Dm Gm C F

just are in the hand of God.

div.

Dm Gm C Bb/F F

VERSES

Melody *mp*

Harmony

1. Earth - ly sor - row is hard to bear: at the
 2. Mem - 'ry o - pens the heart to prayer: Keep *them,
 3. All who hope in the liv - ing Lord find God's

Dm Bb Gm7 Dm

mp

1. ta - ble an emp - ty chair; in the heart an
 2. Lord, in your gen - tle care. May your saints, when our
 3. prom - ise their sure re - ward: for their trust, to

Bb Gm Bb C F Dm

*"Him" or "her" may be substituted for "them."

1. emp - ty place, eyes still seek - ing the ab - sent
 2. life is done, wel - come us in - to heav - en's
 3. see God's face; for their faith - ful - ness, peace and

Am Dm Bb Gm7

1, 2 *D.S.* 3 *mf* *f*

1. face. }
 2. home. } The 3. grace, peace and grace. The

1, 2 *C* *D.S.* 3 *C* *Am* *Dsus4* *D* *mf* *f*

FINAL REFRAIN

Soprano
 Alto
 souls of the just are in the hand of God. Though we

Baritone

G Em Am D B

thought — them dead, — they — live. ————— We will — see them a —

Em C Dsus4 D D7 G

gain when we see God — in glo-ry, ————— for the souls — of the

Em Am D G

just are in the hand ————— of God. —————

rit. *div.* *rit.*

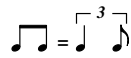
Em Am D C/G G

The Souls of the Just

(Guitar/Vocal)

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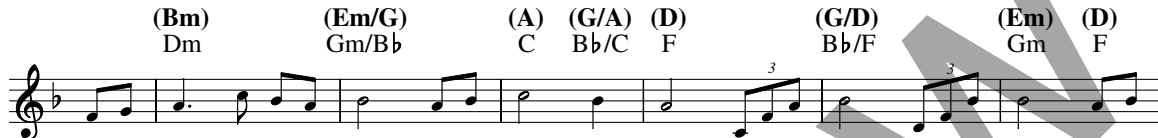
Capo 3: (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
C F Dm B♭ C F

mf



(Keyboard)

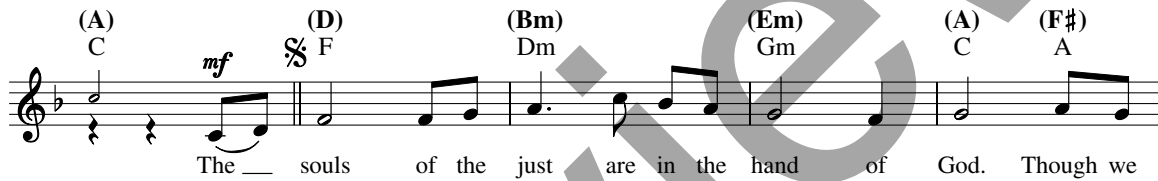
(Bm) (Em/G) (A) (G/A) (D) (G/D) (Em) (D)
Dm Gm/B♭ C B♭/C F B♭/F Gm F



REFRAIN

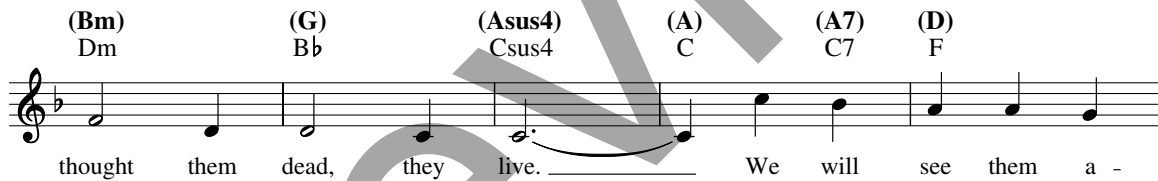
(A) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) (F#)
C F Dm Gm C A

mf



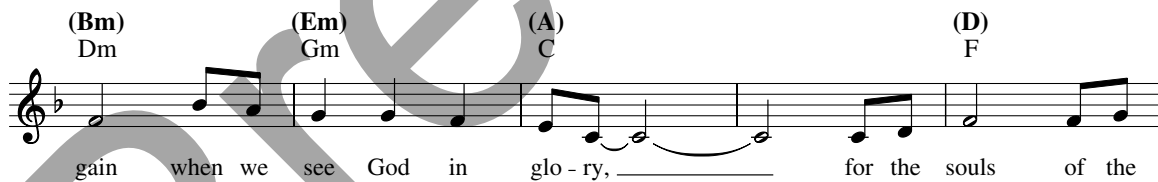
The souls of the just are in the hand of God. Though we

(Bm) (G) (Asus4) (A) (A7) (D)
Dm B♭ Csus4 C C7 F



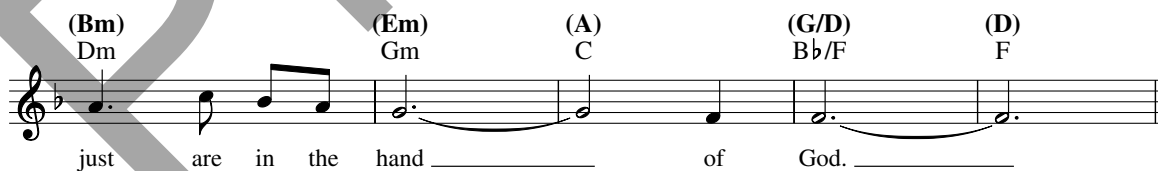
thought them dead, they live. We will see them a -

(Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
Dm Gm C F



gain when we see God in glo - ry, for the souls of the

(Bm) (Em) (A) (G/D) (D)
Dm Gm C B♭/F F

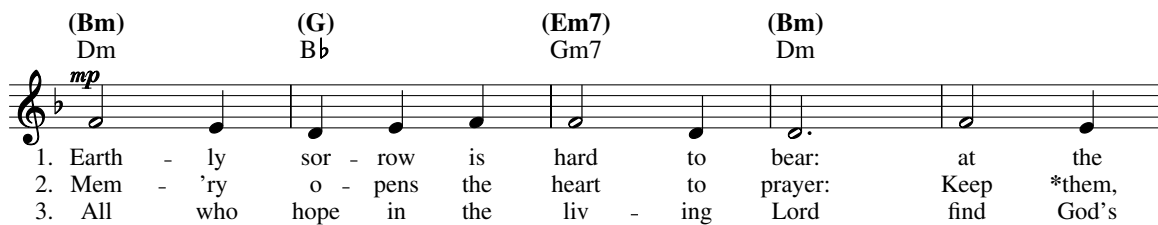


just are in the hand of God.

VERSES

(Bm) (G) (Em7) (Bm)
Dm B♭ Gm7 Dm

mp



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2. Mem - 'ry o - pens the heart to prayer: Keep *them,
3. All who hope in the liv - ing Lord find God's

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(G) (Em) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
B \flat Gm B \flat C F Dm

1. ta - ble an emp - ty chair; in the heart _____ an
2. Lord, in your gen - tle care. May your saints, when our
3. prom - ise their sure re - ward: for their trust, _____ to

(F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (Em7)
Am Dm B \flat Gm7

1. emp - ty place, eyes still seek - ing the ab - sent
2. life is done, wel - come us in - to heav - en's
3. see God's face; for their faith - ful - ness, peace and

1, 2 3
(A) (F \sharp m) (Bsus4) (B)
C Am Dsus4 D

1. face. } The _____ 3. grace, peace and grace. _____ The _____
2. home. }

FINAL REFRAIN

(E) (C \sharp m) (F \sharp m) (B) (G \sharp)
G Em Am D B

souls of the just are in the hand of God. Though we

(C \sharp m) (A) (Bsus4) (B) (B7) (E)
Em C Dsus4 D D7 G

thought them dead, they live. _____ We will see them a -

(C \sharp m) (F \sharp m) (B) (E)
Em Am D G

gain when we see God in glo - ry, _____ for the souls of the

(C \sharp m) (F \sharp m) (B) (A/E) (E)
Em Am D C/G G

just are in the hand _____ of God. _____

Assembly Edition

THE SOULS OF THE JUST

M.D. Ridge

Refrain

The souls of the just are in the hand of God.
 Though we thought them dead, they live. We will
 see them a - gain when we see God in glo-ry, for the
 souls of the just are in the hand of God.

Verses

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to Refrain

1. emp - ty place, eyes still seek - ing the ab - sent face.
 2. life is done, wel - come us in - to heav - en's home.
 3. see God's face; for their faith - ful - ness, peace and grace.

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Performance Notes

“The Souls of the Just” is a song for funerals and for remembrance of the dead. The refrain is adapted from Wisdom, chapter 3. Sing it thoughtfully, but not as a dirge. In the second line of the refrain, take care when singing “We will,” that the quarter notes not turn into eighth notes. In Verse 2, measure 5, “him” or “her” may be substituted for “them.” Verse 3 should remain plural.

—M.D. Ridge