

Let Us Sing and Be Glad

(And the Father Will Dance)

Based on Zephaniah 3:14–17, 19–20

Carey Landry
Arr. by John Guarino

INTRO (♩ = ca. 134)

Keyboard

REFRAIN

Descant (Soprano I/Tenor)

Melody (Soprano II/Bass)

(Original text) *Let us sing and be glad!*
And the Fa-ther will dance.

Harmony (Alto)

(Original text) *Let us sing and be glad!*
And the Fa-ther will dance

This is a time of joy!—
as on a day of joy.—

Keyboard

Time of joy, the Lord is ris - en to - day — and re -
Day of joy. He will ex - ult o - ver you — and re -

The Lord is ris - en to - day — and re -
He will ex - ult o - ver you — and re -

Keyboard

*1, 5 D.S.

news us by his love.
new you by His love.

news us by his love. Let us sing and be
new you by His love. And the Fa-ther will

*1, 5 D.S.

F //

2-4 to Verses Final

love. love. The Lord is ris-en to-day and re-
love. love. He will ex - ult o - ver you and re-

love. love. The Lord is ris-en to-day and re-
love. love. He will ex - ult o - ver you and re-

2-4 to Verses Final

F Bb

cresc. *rit.* Fine

news us by his love.
new you by His love.

cresc. *rit.*

news us by his love.
new you by His love.

F Fine

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VERSE 1

Melody (Soprano/Tenor)

1. Shout for joy, all you, God's peo - ple.
Shout for joy, all you, His peo - ple.

Harmony (Alto/Bass)

F Fsus4 F C B \flat F

1. Sing a - loud and ex - ult with all your heart, for the
Sing a - loud and ex - ult with all your heart, for the

Fsus4 F C B \flat F Fsus4 F

1. Lord, our Bless - ed Sav - ior, lives!
Lord, your God is in your midst.

(B) Melody (SII/B)
 (A) Harmony (A)

Let us sing and be
 And the Fa - ther will

C B \flat C C7 // D.S.

VERSE 2

Melody (Soprano/Tenor)

2. We have no more e - vil to fear! We have no more e - vil to
 You have no more e - vil to fear. You have no more e - vil to

Harmony (Alto/Bass)

F Fsus4 F C C7 F Fsus4 F C C7

2. fear! We no long - er fear — the night for the Lord, our
 fear. Do not let your hands — fall limp, for the Lord, your

F Fsus4 F C C7 F Fsus4 F C

2. Bless - ed Sav - ior, lives!
 God is in your midst.

Melody (SII/B)
 (B) Let us sing and be
 (A) And the Fa - ther will

B \flat C C7 //

Harmony (A)

D.S.

VERSE 3

Melody (Soprano/Tenor)

3. This is a new day; cre - a - tion danc - es for
And when the time comes — I will res - cue the

(B)

Harmony (Alto/Bass)

F F#sus4 F C Bb C

3. joy! There is a new hope as peo - ple op - pressed — find their
lame, and when the time comes — I — will gath - er the

F F#sus4 F C Bb C

3. voice. There is a new song; let ev - ery - one — re -
strays, and when the time comes — I will be — your

F F#sus4 F C Bb C

3. *joice!*
guide. Let us o - pen our hearts — to Je - sus Christ, our
I will gath - er you in — and give — you re -

F Fsus4 F C Bb F

3. *Light,*
nown who shines a - mong us.
a - mong all peo - ples.

Melody (SII/B)
Harmony (A) Let us sing and be
And the Fa - ther will

C C7 // Fsus4 F F // *D.S.*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 134) Capo 3: (G) B \flat (D) F (D) F //

(Kbd)

REFRAIN (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (G)
F B \flat F B \flat F B \flat

Let us sing and be glad! _____ This is a time of joy! _____
And the Fa-ther will dance _____ as on a day of joy. _____

(D) (G)
F B \flat

The Lord is ris-en to-day _____ and re-news us by _____ his
He will ex-ult o-ver you _____ and re-new you by _____ His

*1, 5 (D) (D) 2-4 Final
F F // F to Verses F

love. Let us sing and be love. love. The Lord is
love. And the Fa-ther will love. love. He will ex-

(G) (D)
B \flat F

cresc. *rit.* *Fine*

ris-en to-day _____ and re-news us by _____ his love. _____
ult o-ver you _____ and re-new you by _____ His love. _____

VERSE 1 (D) (Dsus4) (D) (A) (G) (D) (Dsus4) (D) (A)
F Fsus4 F C B \flat F Fsus4 F C

1. Shout for joy, all you, God's peo-ple. Sing a-loud and ex-
Shout for joy, all you, His peo-ple. Sing a-loud and ex-

(G) (D) (Dsus4) (D) (A) (G) (A) (A7)
B \flat F Fsus4 F C B \flat C C7 // D.S.

1. ult with all your heart, for the Lord, our Bless-ed Sav-ior, lives!
ult with all your heart, for the Lord, your God is in your midst.

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VERSE 2

(D) (Dsus4) (D) (A) (A7) (D) (Dsus4) (D)
 F Fsus4 F C C7 F Fsus4 F

2. We have no more e - vil to fear! We have
You have no more e - vil to fear. You have

(A) (A7) (D) (Dsus4) (D) (A) (A7)
 C C7 F Fsus4 F C C7

2. no more e - vil to fear! We no long - er fear the
no more e - vil to fear. Do not let your hands fall

(D) (Dsus4) (D) (A) (G) (A) (A7) // D.S.
 F Fsus4 F C B \flat C C7

2. night for the Lord, our Bless - ed Sav - ior, lives!
limp, for the Lord, your God is in your midst.

VERSE 3

(D) (Dsus4) (D) (A) (G) (A) (D)
 F Fsus4 F C B \flat C F

3. This is a new day; cre - a - tion danc - es for joy!
And when the time comes I will res - cue the lame,

(Dsus4) (D) (A) (G) (A)
 Fsus4 F C B \flat C

3. There is a new hope as peo - ple op - pressed find their
and when the time comes I will gath - er the

(D) (Dsus4) (D) (A) (G) (A)
 F Fsus4 F C B \flat C

3. voice. There is a new song; let ev - ery - one re -
strays, and when the time comes I will be your

(D) (Dsus4) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 F Fsus4 F C B \flat F

3. joice! Let us o - pen our hearts to Je - sus Christ, our
guide. I will gath - er you in and give you re -

(A) (A7) (Dsus4) (D) (D) // D.S.
 C C7 Fsus4 F F

3. Light, who shines a - mong us.
noun a - mong all peo - ples.

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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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Composer Notes

“Let Us Sing and Be Glad” uses the melody of “And the Father Will Dance,” a piece that was published in 1977 in the collection *Abba, Father* (ed. 5522). With Rick Modlin’s insightful help, I matched the rhythm and notation of the original song, and I am delighted with the result.

“Let Us Sing and Be Glad” is a vibrant Easter selection that we have used for Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and liturgies during the Easter season. It can be used as a gathering song, during Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts, or as a recessional. We lowered the original melody one full step to make it even more accessible to the assembly. The song reaches its full dynamism when led by a choir with harmony and descant on the refrain.

“And the Father Will Dance” is a joyous song of God’s great love, based on Zephaniah 3:14–17, 19–20, proclaiming the restoration of Zion. It can serve as a dynamic choral offering or closing song for celebrations of hope, God’s providence, and God’s rejoicing over his people. It is still difficult for many to accept a God who “dances,” but with the spirit of joy that Pope Francis has brought to so many, there may be greater acceptance as we go forward. It is a delightful song for celebrations of joy, prayer meetings, youth gatherings and retreats, and other occasions that promote the renewal of God’s people.

—Carey Landry

Preview

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Refrain
 Let us sing and be glad!
 This is a time of joy!
 (Original text) *And the Fa-ther will dance as on a day of joy.*
 He will ex-ult o-ver you and re-news us by his love.
 He will ex-ult o-ver you and re-news you by His love.
 Repeat 1st and last times

Verse 1

1. Shout for joy, all you, God's peo-ple. Sing a -
 Shout for joy, all you, His peo-ple. Sing a -

1. loud and ex-ult with all your heart, for the
 loud and ex-ult with all your heart, for the

1. Lord, our Bless-ed Sav-ior, lives!
 Lord, your God, is in your midst.

Verse 2

2. We have no more e - vil to fear!
 You have no more e - vil to fear.

We have
 You have

to Refrain

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LET US SING AND BE GLAD (cont.)

2. no more e - vil to fear!
 no more e - vil to fear.

We no long-er fear the
 Do not let your hands fall

2. night for the Lord, our Bless-ed Sav-ior, lives!
 limp, for the Lord, your God, is in your midst.

Verse 3

3. This is a new day; cre - a - tion danc - es for
 And when the time comes I will res - cue the

3. joy! There is a new hope as peo-ple op-pressed find their
 lame, and when the time comes I will gath - er the

3. voice. There is a new song, let ev - ery-one re -
 strays, and when the time comes I will be your

3. joy! Let us o - pen our hearts to Je - sus Christ, our
 guide. I will gath-er you in and give you re -

3. Light, who shines a - mong us.
 nown a - mong all peo - ples.

to Refrain

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