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**In the Hands of God**  
Cantor, SAB Choir, Descant, Piano,  
Guitar, Cello, and Assembly

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INTRO *Warmly, with rubato* (♩ = ca. 80)

Piano *mp*

Cmaj7 F Dm7 Gsus4 G7

E/G# F/A G/B C

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**REFRAIN: All**  
(a tempo)

Soprano *mf* right-teous. No

Alto In the hands of God are the souls of the righ - teous. No

Baritone *mf* Cmaj7 F Dm7

(a tempo) *mf*

tor-ment shall ev - er as - sail them.

tor-ment shall ev - er as - sail them. In the arms of God, the love of God,

The love of God.

G7 F/A G/B Csus4 C C/B Asus2,4 Am Am/G B♭7/F E7 Am

to Verses

they are at peace, they are at peace.

they are at peace,

F Gsus4 G7 Cadd9 Fadd9 Gsus4 G7 C to Verses

VERSES 1, 2: Cantor

*mf*

1. In our eyes they are now van - ished, but our God, he holds them  
 2. In God's King - dom death is con - quered; grief and tears are wiped a -

Fadd9 C/E Fadd9

*mf*

*mp*

1. dear. In our lives they are far from us,  
 2. way. In God's Dwell - ing all find com - fort

C/E Cm/Eb D7

*mp*

*rit.* *D.S.*

1. yet to God, they are so near. ———  
 2. when we see God face to face. ———

Cm/Eb D Gsus4 G F/G Em/G Dm/G *D.S.*

*rit.*

VERSE 3: Cantor/Choir

*S mp* *poco a poco cresc.*

A 3. Bless - ed are those who die in the Lord. Bless - ed are those who

*B mp* *poco a poco cresc.*

Fadd9 Dm7

*mp* *poco a poco cresc.*

3. They will find rest from their labors,

3. live with the Lord. Ah.

*f*

Dm7/F C/G Fadd9

3. They will find ref-uge for their souls, and be at

*mf*

C/G Fadd9 Dm G

3. peace, and be at peace.

3. peace, and be at peace, at peace.

*mp*

E/G# E7sus4 E/G# F/A G/B C

FINAL REFRAIN: All

Unison

*mf*

In the hands of God are the souls of the righ-teous. No

Cmaj7 F Dm7

*mf*

Descant

In the arms of God, the love of God, tor-ment shall ev - er as - sail them. In the arms of God, the love of God,

G7 F/A G/B Csus4 C C/B Asus4 Am Am/G B<sup>b</sup>7/F E7 Am

they are at peace, they are at peace.

they are at peace, they are at peace.

F Gsus4 G Cadd9 Fadd9 Gsus4 G7 C

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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**INTRO** Warmly, with rubato (♩ = ca. 80)

Cmaj7 F Dm7 Gsus4 G7 E/G# F/A G/B

(Piano)

**REFRAIN: All**  
(a tempo)

C mf Cmaj7 F Dm7

In the hands of God are the souls of the right-teous. No

G7 F/A G/B Csus4 C C/B Asus4 Am Am/G B♭7/F E7 Am

tor-ment shall ev - er as - sail them. In the arms of God, the love of God,

F Gsus4 G7 Cadd9 Fadd9 Gsus4 G7 C to Verses

they are at peace, they are at peace.

**VERSES 1, 2: Cantor**

Fadd9 mf C/E Fadd9

1. In our eyes they are now van - ished, but our God, he holds them  
2. In God's King - dom death is con - quered; grief and tears are wiped a -

C/E Cm/E♭ mp D7

1. dear. In our lives they are far from us,  
2. way. In God's Dwell - ing all find com - fort

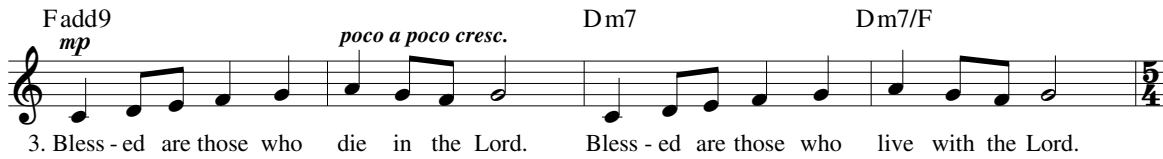
Cm/E♭ D Gsus4 G F/G Em/G Dm/G D.S. rit.

1. yet to God, they are so near.  
2. when we see God face to face.



**VERSE 3: Cantor/Choir**

Fadd9 *mp* *poco a poco cresc.* Dm7 Dm7/F



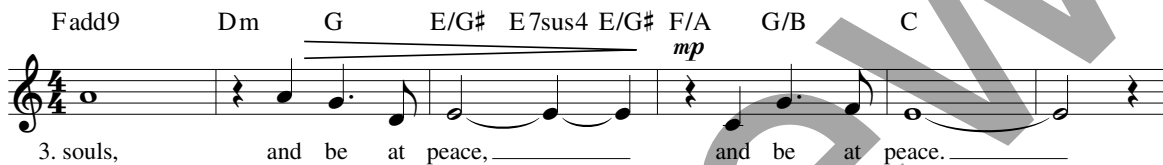
3. Bless - ed are those who die in the Lord. Bless - ed are those who live with the Lord.

C/G *f* Fadd9 C/G *mf*



3. They will find rest from their la - bors. They will find ref-uge for their

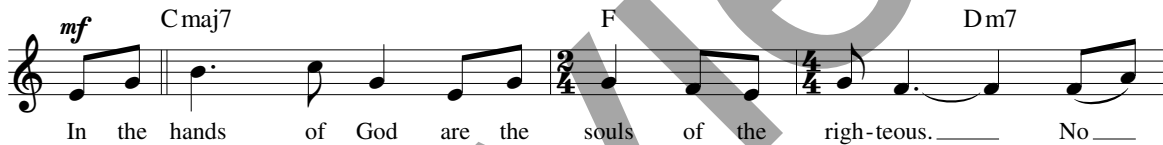
Fadd9 Dm G E/G# E7sus4 E/G# F/A *mp* G/B C



3. souls, and be at peace, and be at peace.

**FINAL REFRAIN: All**

*mf* Cmaj7 F Dm7



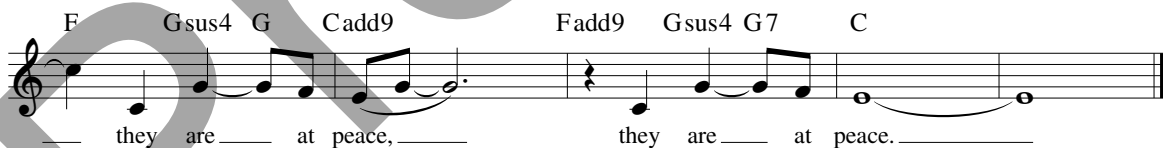
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G7 F/A G/B Csus4 C C/B Asus4 Am Am/G B<sup>ø</sup>7/F E7 Am



tor-ment shall ev - er as - sail them. In the arms of God, the love of God,

F Gsus4 G Cadd9 Fadd9 Gsus4 G7 C



they are at peace, they are at peace.

## Composer Notes

The idea for this piece first came to me while attending a Remembrance Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. The first reading was from the Book of Wisdom. Death is an affront to our innate desire for self-preservation, but to the Christian, it must also be seen as a coming home into the fullness of God's plan for us—one where there is no pain and suffering, and where all find peace and rest. The piece also draws from Revelation, where those who die in the Lord are truly blessed. While the third verse uses full choir, it works equally well with just a single voice taking the melody.

—*Ephrem Feeley*

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CELLO

Ephrem Feeley

INTRO Warmly, with rubato ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 80$ )

REFRAIN (tacet 1st time)  
(a tempo)

VERSES 1, 2 (tacet verse 1)

VERSE 3

FINAL REFRAIN

## Assembly Edition

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**Refrain**



In the hands of God are the souls of the right-teous. No  
tor-ment shall ev - er as - sail them. In the arms of God, the  
love of God, they are at peace, they are at peace.

**Verses 1, 2**



1. In our eyes they are now van - ished, but our  
2. In God's King - dom death is con - quered; grief and



1. God, he holds them dear. In our lives they are far  
2. tears are wiped a - way. In God's Dwell - ing all find

**to Refrain**



1. from us, yet to God, they are so near.  
2. com - fort when we see God face to face.

**Verse 3**



3. Bless - ed are those who die in the Lord. Bless - ed are those who  
3. live with the Lord. They will find rest from their la - bors.  
3. They will find ref - uge for their souls,

**to Refrain**



3. and be at peace, and be at peace.

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