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My Heart Yearns and Pines
SAB Choir, Keyboard, Guitar,
Solo Instrument in C, Assembly

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My Heart Yearns and Pines

Roc O'Connor, SJ,
Based on Psalms 23, 42, 63,
and Song of Solomon 3:1–5

Ma vaatan üles mäele
Cyrellus Kreek, 1889–1962
Adapted by Roc O'Connor, SJ
Arr. by Scott Soper

INTRO ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 46$)

Chords: F C F Gm B \flat

Keyboard *mp*

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VERSES

Soprano

mp

Alto

1. My heart yearns and pines for your pres - ence, Lord, as
 2. The hart winds its way 'cross the ar - id ground, each
 3. Lord, you make me rest in your ver - dant fields, by
 4. All praise un - to you for the heav'ns a - bove. You

Baritone *mp*

C F C F Gm Eb Bb

1. dry and des - ert sands long for rain. My
 2. sense a - live for cool moun - tain streams. His
 3. wa - ters that re - fresh thirst - y souls. You
 4. made the stars. You call each by name. You

Gm Gm7 C F C

1. soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you. O
 2. tears have been food through the night and day, while
 3. walk by my side with your shep - herd's staff; you
 4. made both O - r'on and the Ple - ia - des to

F C F Bbmaj7 Gm Eb Bb

1. God, you are my God whom I love. I _____
 2. cry - ing, "Where are you, O my God!" I _____
 3. guard me through the depths of the night. You _____
 4. shim - mer through the night, our de - light! I _____

Gm Gm7 C F Bb
cresc.

f
 1. seek _____ you, the _____ One whom I love, with _____
 2. seek _____ you, the _____ One whom I love, with _____
 3. set _____ forth your Ban - quet of Life! My _____
 4. praise _____ you, O _____ God, whom I love; I _____

f
 F Fsus4 F C Bb

mp
 1. heart _____ o - pen _____ wide to re - ceive. Through _____
 2. heart _____ o - pen _____ wide to re - ceive! My _____
 3. heart _____ o - pens _____ wide to re - ceive! All _____
 4. love _____ you, O _____ God, whom I seek! As _____

mp
 F Fsus4 F Gm C
dim. *mp*

1. nights long and drear, ev - er watch - ful here, at -
 2. soul, be not down - cast for - ev - er - more. Oh,
 3. good - ness and kind - ness shall fol - low me. I
 4. dawn first ap - pears to an - nounce the day, I

F C F Gm Eb Bb

1. ten - tive to the sound of your voice.
 2. heark - en for the songs of the Spring!
 3. dwell with - in your house ev - er - more!
 4. o - pen wide my heart in your praise!

Gm Gm7 C F

Gm C 1-3 F Final F

rit. last time

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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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INTRO ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 46$) VERSES 1-4

mp

cresc. *f*

dim. *mp*

2 *rit. last time* 1-3 Final

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Composer Notes

This hymn melody slayed me when I first heard it. It took years to even consider lyrics for it. Then Psalms of longing for the presence of God arose in my awareness. I simply wanted to be a good servant of this most amazing folk melody from Estonia.

Once again, ground yourself in the slow and very deliberate tempo. Trust it. Begin quietly. The piece grows broader and stronger in the ‘B’ section of AABA to express the assembly’s joy. The final ‘A’ section quiets to prepare for the next verse. Verse four calls out for *forte*.

Feel the yearning inherent in the melody. Express it deliberately, softly, slowly but not lugubriously. Again, the ‘B’ section grows in strength and volume. You make the call. Trust the slower and very deliberate tempo! Avoid *marcato*, keep it moving *legato*.

- **Liturgical seasons:** This hymn works well to express Advent longing. The images of the desert-like-heart waiting or the thirsty deer seeking water seem fitting. It would locate the praying people well before God especially on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. There may be times in Lent or Ordinary time that seem appropriate.
- **Parts of liturgy:** Prelude, Entrance Song, Preparation of Gifts, Song of praise after Communion, Adoration, Reconciliation Services, First Communion.

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 46)

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (Em) (G)
F C F Gm B♭

mp

(Kbd)

VERSES

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em) (C) (G)
C F C F Gm E♭ B♭

1. My heart yearns and pines for your presence, Lord, as
2. The hart winds its way 'cross the arid ground, each
3. Lord, you make me rest in your verdant fields by
4. All praise un - to you for the heav'ns a - bove. You

(Em) (Em7) (A) (D) (A) (A)
Gm Gm7 C NC F C

1. dry and des - ert sands long for rain. My
2. sense a - live for cool moun - tain streams. His
3. wa - ters that re - fresh thirst - y souls. You
4. made the stars. You call each by name. You

(D) (A) (D) (Gmaj7) (Em) (C) (G)
F C F B♭maj7 Gm E♭ B♭

1. soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you. O
2. tears have been food through the night and day, while
3. walk by my side with your shep - herd's staff; you
4. made both O - r'on and the Ple - ia - des to

(Em) (Em7) (A) (D) (G)
Gm Gm7 C NC F *cresc.* B♭

1. God, you are my God whom I love. I
2. cry - ing, "Where are you, O my God!" I
3. guard me through the depths of the night. You
4. shim - mer through the night, our de - light! I

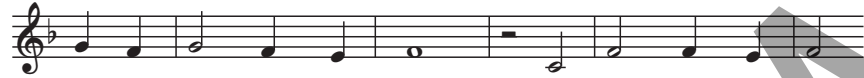
Assembly Edition

MY HEART YEARNS AND PINES

Cyrillus Kreek



1. My heart yearns and pines for your pres-ence, Lord, as dry and
2. The hart winds its way 'cross the ar - id ground, each sense a -
3. Lord, you make me rest in your ver - dant fields by wa - ters
4. All praise un - to you for the heav'ns a - bove. You made the



1. des - ert sands long for rain. My soul thirsts for you,
2. live for cool moun - tain streams. His tears have been food
3. that re - fresh thirst - y souls. You walk by my side
4. stars. You call each by name. You made both O - r'on



1. my flesh longs for you. O God, you are my God whom I
2. through the night and day, while cry - ing, "Where are you, O my
3. with your shep - herd's staff; you guard me through the depths of the
4. and the Ple - ia - des to shim - mer through the night, our de -



1. love. I seek you, the One whom I love, with heart o - pen
2. God!" I seek you, the One whom I love, with heart o - pen
3. night. You set forth your Ban - quet of Life! My heart o - pens
4. light! I praise you, O God, whom I love; I love you, O



1. wide to re - ceive. Through nights long and drear, ev - er watch - ful
2. wide to re - ceive! My soul, be not down - cast for - ev - er -
3. wide to re - ceive! All good - ness and kind - ness shall fol - low
4. God, whom I seek! As dawn first ap - pears to an - nounce the



1. here, at - ten - tive to the sound of your voice.
2. more. Oh, heark - en for the songs of the Spring!
3. me. I dwell with - in your house ev - er - more!
4. day, I o - pen wide my heart in your praise!

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