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You Are Near, O God

Based on Psalm 119:151
and Ezekiel 36:24–27

Roc O'Connor, SJ
Arr. by Scott Soper

INTRO (♩ = ca. 54)
Bbsus4

Keyboard

Bb7

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FROM THE COLLECTION

All Shall Be Well

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REFRAIN

Melody

You are near, O God; ev - er near, my God.

Harmony

E♭add9 B♭sus4 E♭sus2,4

Now your ser-vant at - tends your Word. Speak to my

E♭add9 E♭sus2,4 E♭sus2 E♭sus2,4 B♭sus4 B♭sus2,4

Final

to Verses

heart.

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E♭sus2,4 rit.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 54)

Capo 3: (Gsus4)
Bbsus4

(G7)
Bb7

Chord diagrams for Gsus4 and Bbsus4 are shown above the staff. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "You are".

REFRAIN

(Cadd9)
Ebadd9

(Gsus4)
Bbsus4

(Csus2,4)
Ebsus2,4

(Cadd9)
Ebadd9

Chord diagrams for Cadd9, Ebadd9, Gsus4, Bbsus4, Csus2,4, Ebsus2,4, and Cadd9, Ebadd9 are shown above the staff. The lyrics are "near, O God; ever near, my God. Now your".

(Csus2,4)
Ebsus2,4

(Csus2)(Csus2,4)
Ebsus2 Ebsus2,4

(Gsus4)
Bbsus4

(Gsus2,4)
Bbsus2,4

(Csus2,4)
Ebsus2,4

Chord diagrams for Csus2,4, Ebsus2,4, Csus2, Ebsus2, Csus2,4, Ebsus2,4, Gsus4, Bbsus4, Gsus2,4, Bbsus2,4, and Csus2,4, Ebsus2,4 are shown above the staff. The lyrics are "ser-vant at-tends your Word. Speak to my heart.".

to Verses

Final

rit.

VERSES *Freely*

(Csus2,4)
Ebsus2,4

(Csus2)
Ebsus2

(Csus2,4)
Ebsus2,4

(Gsus2,4)
Bbsus2,4

Chord diagrams for Csus2,4, Ebsus2,4, Csus2, Ebsus2, Csus2,4, Ebsus2,4, and Gsus2,4, Bbsus2,4 are shown above the staff.

1. I will take you from the nations and gather you from your exile!
2. I will take a way your hard hearts and give you hearts of flesh with in.
3. You shall dwell in lands of promise where fields abundant shall bear fruit.
4. On that great day you shall know me and turn away from your idols.

(Csus2)
Ebsus2



(Gsus2) (Gsus2,4)
Bbsus2 Bbsus2,4



(Gsus4)
Bbsus4



a tempo

1. I will cleanse you from your false gods. You will be
 2. A new Spir - it I will grant you to make you
 3. Nev - er more a fam - ine suf - fer. For you are
 4. You shall be my own be - lov - ed and I your

(Csus2,4)
Ebsus2,4



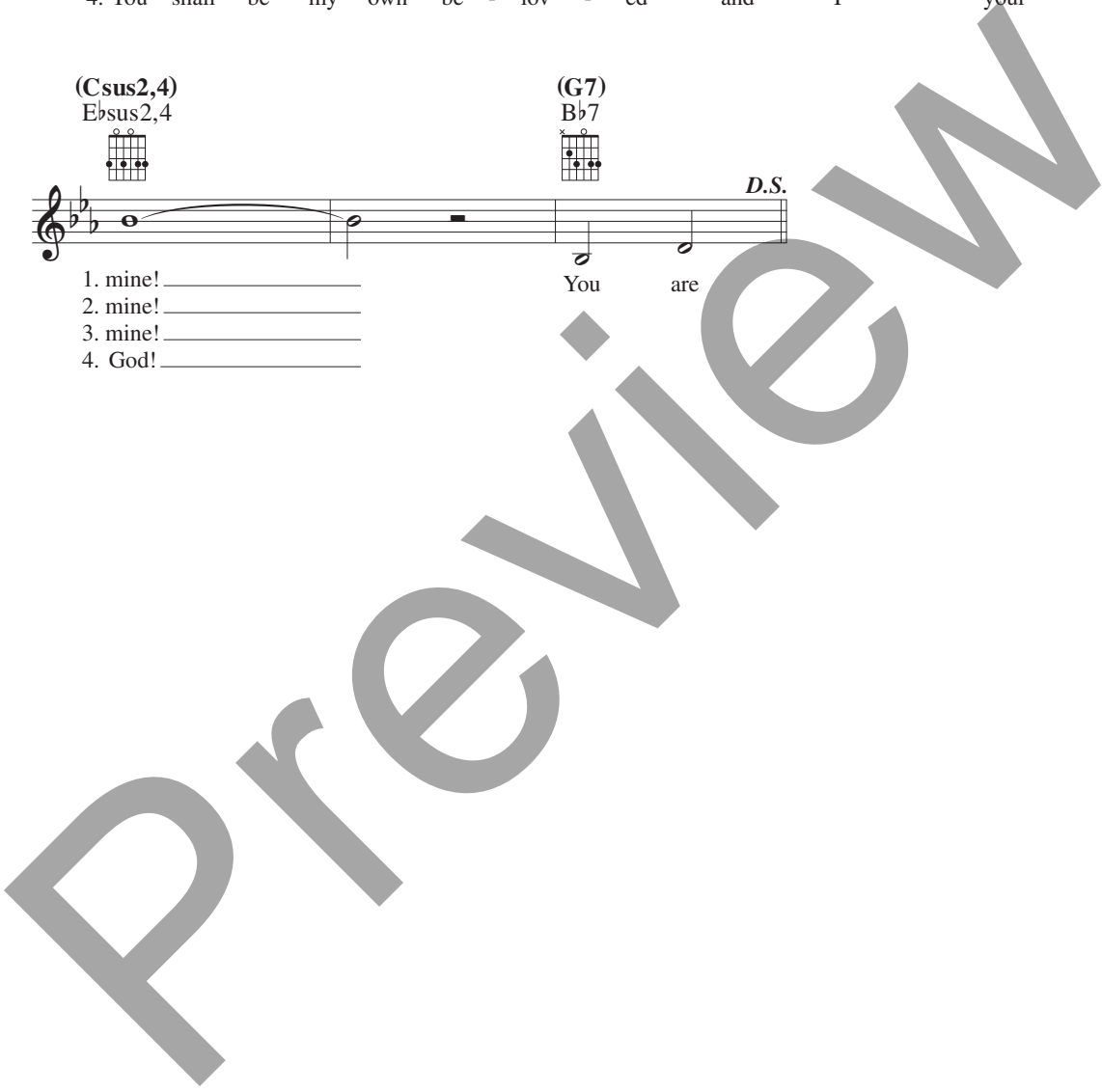
(G7)
Bb7



D.S.

1. mine! _____
 2. mine! _____
 3. mine! _____
 4. God! _____

You are



Preview

Composer Notes

Having taken on the principle of writing lyrics to situate singers in an “I-Thou” relationship with God, I pondered the Scripture, “Be still my soul...” which coincided with an exploration of static yet colorful chords in B \flat and E \flat and resulted in “You Are Near.” The verses proclaim the hope of all beings – “You are mine!” says God.

Trust the slower tempo of the refrain. What will help you begin in an attitude of attentiveness from the very first chord? Mindful presence is fundamental. “It’s about you, O God. Not me.” The soloist serves as the prophet, singing kindly and intensely to the people. Then back to a tender expression of presence to God.

As the piece progresses and the congregation interacts with God through song, you may wish to broaden and expand volume and depth of the refrains or not. You make the call. Do trust the very slow tempo!

- **Liturgical seasons:** Each season, in one way or another, locates the praying community within the presence of God in Christ *today*. Advent, for example, situates believers within the immediate Presence as it anticipates the future coming of Christ. The verses address the assembly in Lent with the divine promise, “I will gather you from your exile...” It can serve the joyful expression of the Body of Christ during Ordinary Time as well – “your servant attends your word.”
- **Parts of liturgy:** Prelude, Preparation of Gifts, Song of praise after Communion, Benediction, Adoration, Minor rites of the RCIA, Reconciliation Services, Anointing of the Sick.

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Assembly Edition

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Refrain

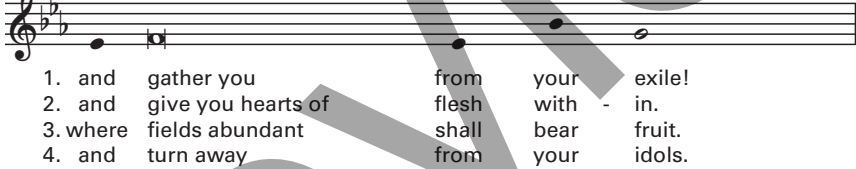


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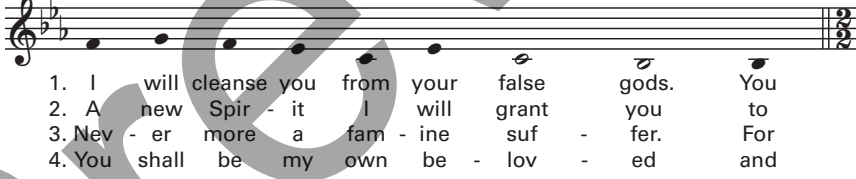
Verses



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to Refrain



1. will be mine!
2. make you mine!
3. you are mine!
4. I your God!

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