Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte

SATB
Organ, Guitar, 2-tpt, 2-hn

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Here I Am, Lord

Based on Isaiah 6

INTRO With majesty (\( \cdot \) = ca. 80)

Organ

VERSES

Melody

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
   I have heard my people's cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
   I have borne my people's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
   I will tend the poor and lame.

Harmony (vs. 3)

1. All who dwell in dark and sin
   my hand will save.
2. I have wept for love of them.
   They turn away.
3. I will set a feast for them.
   My hand will save.

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Here I Am, Lord

1. I who make the stars of night,
2. I will break their hearts of stone,
3. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

1. I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. give them hearts for love-a-lone.
3. till their hearts be sat-is-fied.

3. till their hearts be sat-is-fied. I will give my

Who will bear my
Here I Am, Lord

1. light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. life to them. Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

PREVIEW
Here I Am, Lord

I have heard you calling in the night.

Will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your people in my
Here I Am, Lord

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Sw. & Ch. add stronger foundation stops 8',4',2'.

D.S.

to Verse 2

D.S.

to Verse 3

D.S.

to Verse 3

D.S.

to Verse 2

Ped.

Ch. (or Gt.)

 Fine
Performance Notes

*Here I Am, Lord* is simultaneously a hymn of God’s compassion and of Christian ministry, making it appropriate for vow profession, ordination, and commissioning liturgies. Its length and mood make it an effective communion meditation song.

The song does take a bit of practice to perform well. We find that the refrain is very easy for congregations to learn. The verses should be sung by a soloist if at all possible; this enables the dialogue between the Lord (verses) and his people (refrain) to unfold without confusion. An optional vocal harmony part has been provided for verse 3; if this is used, it should be sung by a single voice or small group of voices with the same timbre as that of the soloist singing the verse melody (*i.e.* women singing with a woman soloist).

The guitar accompaniment is the most difficult element of this piece. The chords with complicated names actually involve simple fingerings that have been moved to different fret positions. Finger picking, while it may take some practice, greatly enhances the effectiveness of the song. The style and mood of this hymn suggest that it should not be strummed, since it would make the accompaniment too heavy.

—D.S.
Here I Am, Lord
(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO
Moderate tempo, with majesty (\( \dot{\text{d}} = \text{ca. 80} \))

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\begin{array}{cccccccc}
G & G & G & G & G & G & D & D \\
\text{Gsus4} & G & G & G & \text{Gsus4} & \text{Gmaj7/F\#} & \text{C/E} & \text{Dsus2} \\
\end{array}
\]

VERSES

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Melody

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2. I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Harmony (vs. 3)

3. Ah ________ Ah ________

3. Ah ________ My hand will save.

1. I who make the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
2. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
3. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

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1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

people in my heart.

2

heart.

Final
heart.
Here I Am, Lord

B♭ TRUMPETS I & II

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INTRO Bright, with majesty (♩ = ca. 80)

VERSE 1

simile throughout

VERSE 2

REFRAIN

VERSE 3

REFRAIN

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FRENCH HORNS I & II

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VERSE 1

REFRAIN

VERSE 2

REFRAIN

VERSE 3

\( \text{mf} \) legato

heart,

\( \text{f} \)

REFRAIN

Fine

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