Here I Am, Lord
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INTRO With majesty (\( \times \) = ca. 80)

Organ

VERSES

\[ \text{Melody} \]

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people 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.

\[ \text{Harmony (vs. 3)} \]

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

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1. I who make the stars of night,
2. I will break their hearts of stone,
3. Finest bread I will provide

1. I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my
2. give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my
3. till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my

3. till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my
Here I Am, Lord

1. light to them?
2. word to them.
3. life to them.

Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN

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

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your people in my

rubato

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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.*
INTRO Moderate tempo, with majesty (♩ = ca. 80)

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Harmony (vs. 3)
3. Ah

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.

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?

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Am7 D G Gsus4 G Gsus4 Gmaj7/F# C/E C/D G Gsus4 G

D/F# G Gsus4 G Am7 G/B C Am G/B C rit. D

Am7 D G Gsus4 G Gsus4 Gmaj7/F# C/E D Dsus2 D/F#

Final Gsus2,4 G Gsus4 G Gsus4 Gmaj7/F# rit. C/E G Fine

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INTRO Bright, with majesty (\( \frac{3}{4} = \text{ca. 80} \))

VERE 1

VERE 2

VERE 3

REFRAIN

VERE 4

REFRAIN

VERE 5

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Fine

molto ritard
Assembly Edition

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Verses

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2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
3. bread I will provide Till their hearts be filled.

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