

A VINE FROM EGYPT

Responsorial Song from Psalm 80 for Sunday 27A for Psalmist (Cantor), Assembly & Descant with Keyboard, Woodwinds & Guitar

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You chose a vine from Egypt: the House of Israel.

You have chosen a vine out of Egypt, which you brought to this land through the desert. And from its borders you drove out the nations, you cleared the ground, tilled the soil for its growth.

It took root there and spread through the land, covering mountain and cedar with growth. It stretched its branches as far as the sea, to the Great River it sent out its fruit.

So then why did you break down its fences, to be plundered by all who pass by? See how the wild beast of pasture and forest have torn it down, trampled it into the dust.

Turn again, and remember your people, and look kindly on those you have chosen. In your compassion restore us to fortune, drive from your sight all who pillage the earth.

May we never forsake you again. May we live and proclaim your abundance! In your good pleasure come now and rreclaim us, and let your face shine on us, come and save us!

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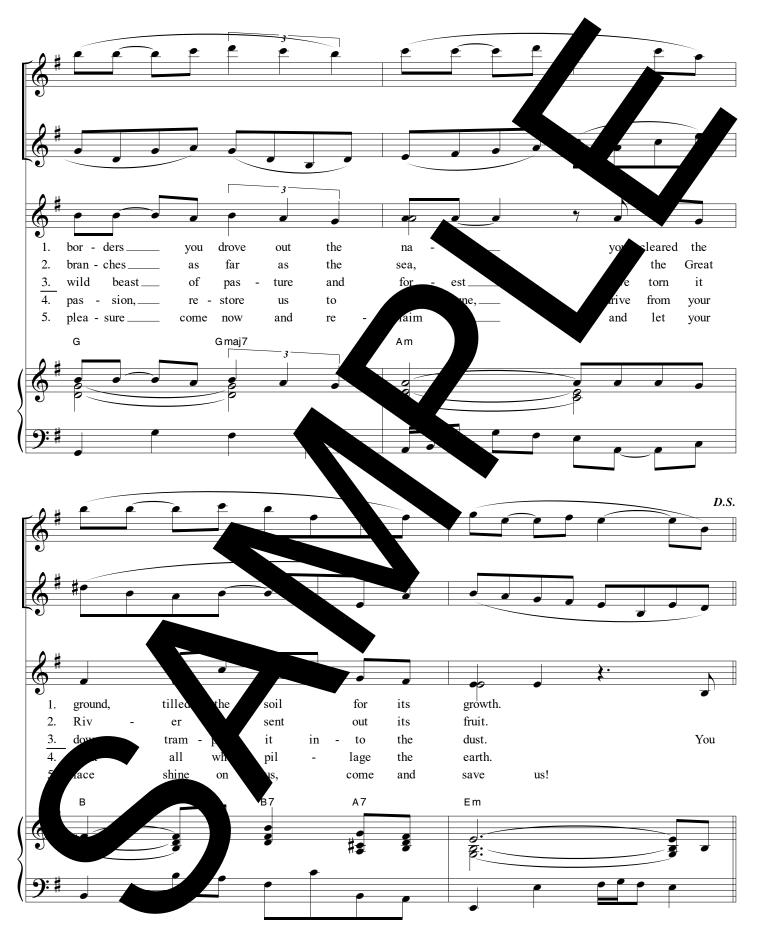
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