

WHAT MARVELS!

Responsorial Song from Psalm 126 for Sunday 30B
for Psalmist (Cantor, Assembly & Descant
with Keyboard, Wind Instruments, & Guitar

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*What marvels you do here before us!
How great is our joy!*

A Hymn

When you rescued us, when you restored us,
it was a dream come true!
Laughter was heard, and rejoicing,
there were songs, there was dancing!

All the Nations have seen God's endowment
such wonders for Zion!
What marvels you worked here among the Nations
you restored our good fortune!

You refreshed us with blessing and fullness,
as streams in the desert;
you released us that night from our captivities,
as we walked on the seabed.

May your favor reside with you forever,
keep us safe from all harm;
may you grace us with peace and good cheer,
never more to be taken captive.

A The Didactic Commentary

We set out with seed for sowing,
to sow as we toil,
as the seed on soil precious and weary,
that our labor would be fruitful.

We go out both weeping and weeping,
planting seed in distress,
we return home, rejoicing and singing
we shoulder our sheaves.

While the lectionary provides all the verses of this psalm, in this open-form song rendition of the psalm, I have extended it to six verses/ This provides a fuller range of expression to its importance as a song of liberation, recalling not only the Exodus exodus but of its challenge to extend this same promise of freedom from slavery of injustice within our own political and economic society. If you wish to select only those verses used in the lectionary, choose only verses 1, 2, 4, and 5.

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INTRO ♩ = ca. 78

& text from Psalm 126 Tony Barr

Psalmist (Cantor) *first time only*

What — mar - vels — you — have be - lie us! — How —

D Em C maj7

great — our — joy. — What —

Bm A G

REFRAIN *broadly*

Flute *on selected Refrains*

Oboe or Clarinet (in D) *on selected Refrains*

Descant *on selected Refrains*

mar - vels you do here be - fore us! How great is our

All

mar - vels you do here be - fore us! great is our

D C Em Gmaj7 Bm

Bass Guitar *on selected Refrains*

1-6 Final

joy!

A

D

C

D

G

D+2

VERSES Psalmist (or Cantor) from the ambo



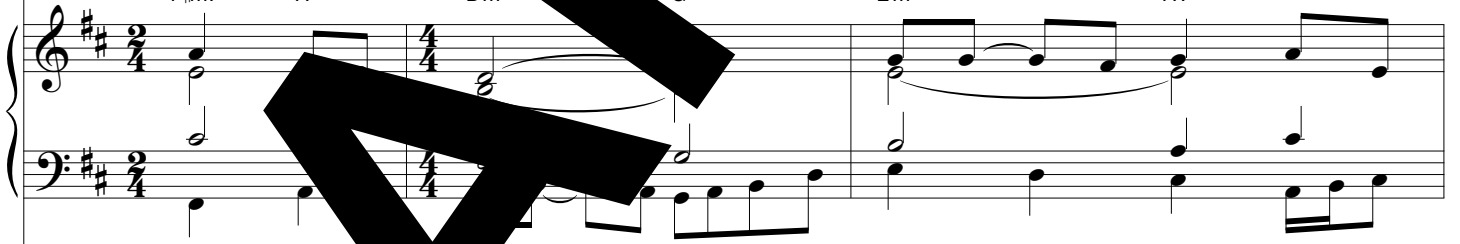
1. When you res - cued us, when you re - stored us, it was a
2. All the Na - tions have seen God's en - dow - ment such
3. You re - freshed us with bless - ing and full - ness as
4. May your fav - or re - side with your peo - ple, keep
5. When we set out with seed for the sow - ing, tears
6. If we go out both emp - ty and weep - ing, our

Em A7 D



1. dream come true! Laughter was heard, and re -
2. won - ders for Zi - on! mar - vels you worked here a -
3. streams in the desert; you raised us that night from cap -
4. safe from all may you grace us with good - ness and
5. flow as we the new rain on soil parched and
6. seed in dis - ease re - turn home, re - joic - ing and

F#m7 A Bm G Em A7



SAMPLE

D.S.

1. joic - ing, — there were songs, there was danc —
 2. mong us, — you re - stored our good for — me!
 3. ti - vi - ty, as we walked on the s — d — What
 4. gran - deur, — nev - er more to a - ban —
 5. wear - y, — that our land may be fruit - re —
 6. sing - ing — as we should - er our sheaves. —

D Bm Cmaj7 Bm A G

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Descant on selected Refrains

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6. If we go out weep - ing, plant - ing

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3. streams in the de - sert you re - leased us that night from cap -
4. safe from the hand of the enemy, may you grace us with good - ness and
5. flow as the new rain on soil parched and
6. seed in dis - tress, we re - turn home, re - joic - ing and

1. joy there were songs, there was danc - ing!
2. you re - stored our good for - tune!
3. in - ty, as we walked on the sea - bed.
4. gran - deur, nev - er more to a - ban - don us.
5. wear - y that our land may be fruit - ful.
6. sing - ing as we should - er our sheaves.